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The Resurrection of Our Lord



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan Christensen

Robert Hamrick, Organist

Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor

Elders Paul Mincer

David White

Lector Paul Mincer

Ushers Bill Kruse, Leah Ryel

David Martin, Kurt Dellutri

Greeter Nona Schmook

Altar Guild Lyn Heiple

Serving Next Week April 7th

Elders David White

David Maloney

Lector Diane Sanborn

Ushers Leah Ryel

David Martin, Kurt Dellutri

Greeter Jackie Fry

Altar Guild Eleanor Claycomb

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The Divine Service: Setting Three

Prelude

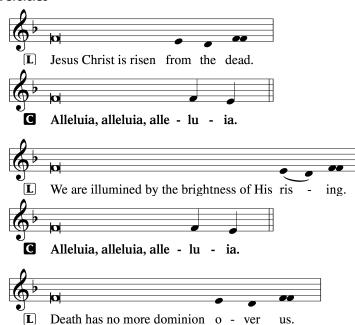
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds Elizabeth Hill, Ralph Schultz

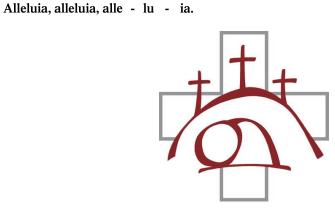
Stand and face the Processional Cross as it enters the Sanctuary.

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Versicles







Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- death no longer has dominion over Him.
- P Christ has risen from the dead.
- God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet.
- P This is the day that the Lord has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Sit Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.
- Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to You my sinfulness. My very nature has been corrupted by sin and is unclean. I have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. I am truly sorry for my sins and repent of them. Have mercy on me, gracious Father.
- P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a blessed life on earth and finally a glorious eternal Easter vision of the Savior and a full and complete life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Psalm

Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 1 Tone J



¹Preserve me, O God,*

for in you I take | refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;*

I have no good a- | part from you."

³As for the saints | in the land,*

they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names | on my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;* you | hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;* indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;* my flesh also | dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,* or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

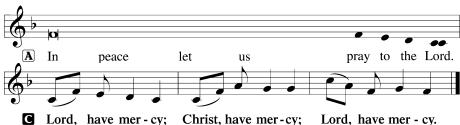
¹¹You make known to me the | path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

¹Preserve me, | O God,*

for in you I take | refuge.





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

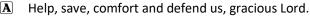


C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

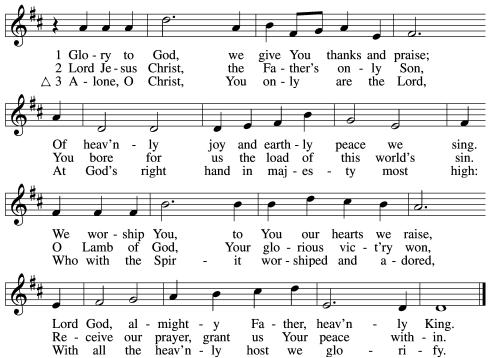




C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise



Salutation and Collect of the Day





Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GoD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 Tone A



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



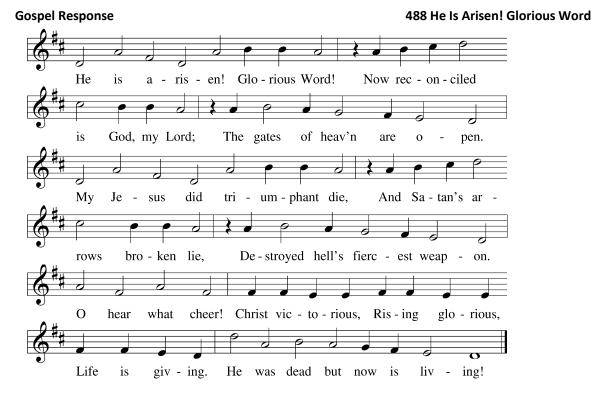
Holy Gospel Mark 16:1–8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.





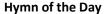
Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

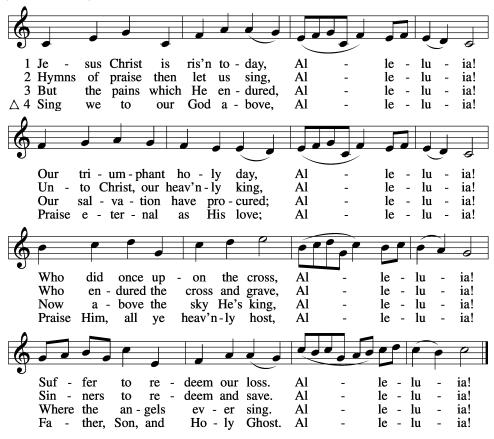
> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.



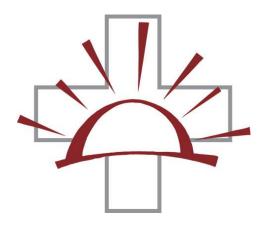
457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



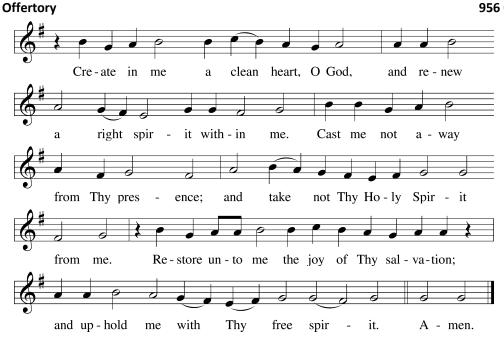
Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.





956 Create in Me



Sit

Offering Choir

O Rejoice, ye Christians, Loudly

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P As we celebrate this day of resurrection, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - We pray for the whole Church, that the message of salvation be joyfully proclaimed throughout all the world, and we pray for ourselves, gathered around the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of our strength and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for the nations of the world, that their governments and their leaders bring blessing to those who are governed, and that security and well-being be experienced in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for ourselves in this season of Easter, that we be people who radiate the light of Christ and continually share Easter joy in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and emergency personnel. We also remember the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose selfless and sacrificial efforts serve to defend our nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day, especially for our brothers and sisters of this congregation at Mt. Pisgah. Pour out your mercy upon those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and those for whom the joy of Easter is missing in some way. Bless them, merciful Father, that they would acknowledge Your presence in their lives and, encouraged by our acts of care, would find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this Easter Day of resurrection, we remember those no longer among us here, who have completed their earthly lives and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow their example of faith and faithfulness, that in the end we shall rejoice together eternally at Your Table and celebrate eternally in that place You have prepared for all who love You. Lord, in Your mercy,

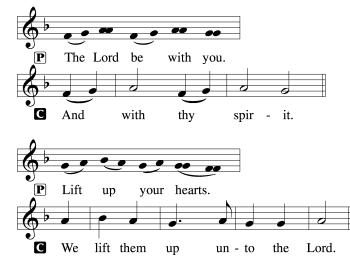
C hear our prayer.

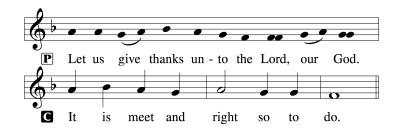
These things and all else You know we need for which we should have asked in our petitions this day, grant us, gracious Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, today and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194





It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LSB 195

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LSB 196



The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ♣ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

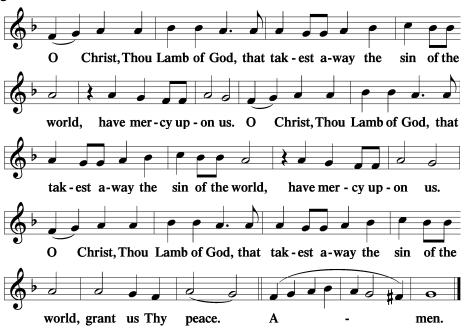
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

Agnus Dei LSB 198



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

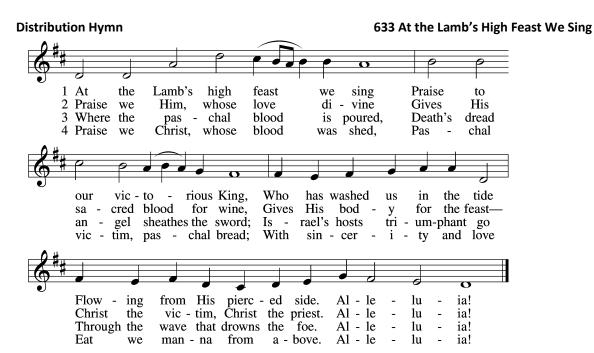
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C Amen.



- 5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us; He died on the accursed tree— So strong His love—to save us. See, His blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is Himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now His grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven; The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven. Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed; Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!



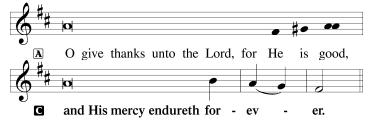
- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving LSB 200



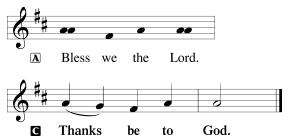
P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Unite us in faith and life so that we continue to be Your holy people who share Your love with everyone as we await the fullness of Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Benedicamus LSB 202



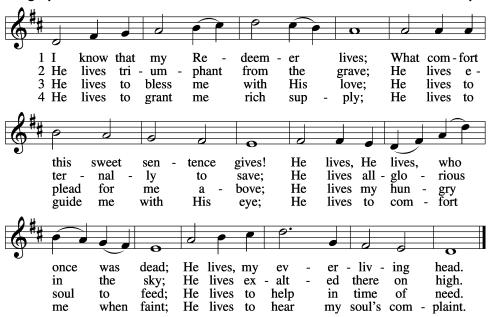
Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





- He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- He lives, all glory to His name!He lives, my Jesus, still the same;Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:I know that my Redeemer lives!

