



THE PRELUDE

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A TIME OF GREETING

SONGS OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB #457

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

***THE INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 16**

P¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

P³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C⁴ The 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.

P⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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.”

Because He Lives

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**1 God sent His Son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior
lives! (Chorus)**

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

**2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He
Lives! (Chorus)**

**3 And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He
reigns. (Chorus)**

EPISTLE READING: *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.

Solo by Nikki Baeb *Shine On Us*

***HOLY GOSPEL:** *Mark 16:1-8*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*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.

Recitation by Tom Werner

SERMON HYMN

Lord of the Dance

**1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth:**

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I will lead you all in the Dance, said He!*

**2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on. Refrain.**

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on
high,**

And they left me there on a cross to die! Refrain.

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on! Refrain.**

**5 They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the Life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He! Refrain.**

SERMON

OFFERATORY

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen*

OFFERING

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMN:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day!" Saints on earth and an-gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat-tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re-ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o-pened par-a-dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic-to-ry, O grave?

**5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the
skies.**

**6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

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*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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**1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the
tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with
endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to
destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

**2 For three long days the grave did its
worst
Until its strength by God was
dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did
show. Refrain**

**3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all
bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying
there." Refrain**

**4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the
grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain**

**5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Refrain**

