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Resurrected Alleluias

Opening Litany

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Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today LBW 151

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.
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.
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.
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia. Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia.
Praise him all you heav'nly host, Alleluia. Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia.

Greeting

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. **We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.** You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; **You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.** Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. **You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.** In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. **You nourish us and enclose us in safety.** You call us forth and send us out. **In lush and barren places, you are with us.** You have become our salvation. **Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.** Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. **Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.** To you, our Beginning and our End, **our Shepherd and Lamb,** our Alpha and our Omega, **be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.** Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread

throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. **“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”**

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief**

cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every

authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Thine is the Glory LBW 145

Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son, Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment. Rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. (refrain)

(refrain) Thine is the glory risen conquering Son Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won

Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb. Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life; life is nought without thee, aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors though they deathless love, bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (refrain)

Nicene Creed

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.

Doxology

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks WOV 671

(Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation (refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen (refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever (refrain)

God has proclaimed the just reward; life for all people, alleluia (refrain)

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior (refrain)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.