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Opening Litany

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**
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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.

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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

O God of life, **you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son.** By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.
²**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**
³Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.
⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**
⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.
⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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)

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

Doxology

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.

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

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise WOV 801

Thine the amen, thine the praise alleluia angels raise, thine the everlasting head, thine the breaking of the bread, thine the glory, thine the story, thine the harvest then the cup, thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, thine the promise let there be, thine the vision, thine the tree all the earth on bended knee, gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry, gone the sighing, gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light, thine the river, thine the tree then the Lamb eternally, then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee, thine the splendor, thine the brightness only thee, only thee.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**