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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.

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Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, **with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days

he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.** ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.** ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.** ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.** ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.** ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," ¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.** ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

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 21:1-19

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and

take you where you do not wish to go.”¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rock Creek – Rosemary Minks

Affirmation of Baptism

Rock Creek – Skout Hayden, Garrett Biesterveld, Felicity Wallace
Faith – Lillian Walker

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

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus WOV 698

We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death; that as Christ was raised victorious we might live a brand new life. And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning, from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**