

*AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD  
IN HOW WE LOVE, IN HOW WE LIVE, AND IN HOW WE GIVE.*

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### **EASTER SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022, 9:00 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**"THIS IS THE GLORY"**

**ARR. BY LLOYD LARSON**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever!

**C: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

P: Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

**C: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

P: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

**C: Because he lives, we shall live also.**

P: The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

**C: Because he lives, we shall live also.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**C: Because he lives, we shall live also.**

P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**C: Because he lives, we shall live also.**

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

P: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

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

**C: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: We confess our sins before God and one another. You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whatever is most comfortable for you.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: On this day we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the grave. But we also remember why he went to the grave. We acknowledge that our sins were the reason for his suffering and death. And so we confess those sins to God and seek his mercy.

**C: Most merciful God, it is our sins that put Jesus on the cross. It is because of our transgressions that his lifeless body was placed in the tomb. We confess our guilt and acknowledge the gravity of our sin. For the sake of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, forgive our iniquity and restore us in righteousness. Through the power of his resurrection enable us to walk in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name.**

P: We cry to you for mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification". In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and justifies you, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN # 376****“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”****KYRIE PAGE 147****PRAYER OF THE DAY (CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND)**

P: Gracious Lord,

**C: as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we do so in view of your mercy. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have defeated death and opened to us the way to everlasting life. We thank you that his victory over sin, death and hell is shared with us so that we become more than conquerors through him who loved us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to live as newborn children of God. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****EXODUS 15:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. <sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup>The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.’ <sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup>“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup>You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup>“In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode. <sup>14</sup>The peoples heard, they trembled; pangs seized the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup>Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; trembling seized the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan

melted away. <sup>16</sup>Terror and dread fell upon them; by the might of your arm, they became still as a stone until your people, O LORD, passed by, until the people whom you acquired passed by. <sup>17</sup>You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, O LORD, that you made your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hands have established. <sup>18</sup>The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

**ROMANS 6:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### GOSPEL READING

**MATTHEW 28:1-10**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his

disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PASTOR GREG DEBOER

HYMN OF THE DAY #382 "CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!"

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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.



**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: It is only through Your grace, O Lord, that we are able to approach Your table,

**C: and it is only through Your Son's mercy that we are forgiven.**

**Empower us to share that same grace and mercy with all of creation.**

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN #619**

**"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!"**

**DISMISSAL**

P: God is good...

**C: all the time!**

P: All the time...

**C: God is good!**

P: And all God's people said...

**C: Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

**"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"**

**ARR. BY LARRY SHACKLEY**