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He Is
RISEN!

Resurrection
SUNDAY!

10:45 a.m. Sun., March 31, 2024

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 10:45 AM

Theme of the day: Today's goal is to both profess Easter and possess Easter. Easter happened. That's profess. Easter is happening in me. That's possess!

+++ SERVICE OF LIGHT +++

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation

C: for the victory of our mighty King.

P: Rejoice and sing now, all the earth, bright with a glorious splendor,

C: for the ancient darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

P: Rejoice and be glad now, mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light,

C: resound with the praises of God's people.

P: All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God Almighty

C: for the grace to sing His worthy praise:

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

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

C: Amen.

(Please stand, as you are able, for processional song)

+++ PREPARATION +++

PROCESSIONAL SONG “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

(Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., *Lyra Davidica*, tune, *Lyra Davidica*, arranged by Kevin Bellile, 1996 Faith Ave.
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OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1, 3*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C: we too might walk in newness of life.

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

C: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

CREED: Apostles’ Creed

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 15:1–18 *(The Song of Moses.)*

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. ⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your

right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸At 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. ⁹The 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.’ ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? ¹²You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. ¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. ¹⁴The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. ¹⁵Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the

inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. ¹⁶Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. ¹⁷You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. ¹⁸The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

(Paul, persecutor of Christians, is one of many people who saw Jesus alive after death. The news is of primary importance for people of faith.)

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.

(Please stand as you are able)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

(The women are so shocked by the news of the resurrection that they initially tell no one.)

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:17*

P: On the cross Jesus said, “It is finished,” and on Easter our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus’ name. Let us therefore confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love You with all that we are and have, and we have not always remembered the new life You bestowed on us in Baptism.

P: Lord Jesus,

C: we confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.

P: O Holy Spirit,

C: we have not always relied on Your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to You in Jesus’ name.

P: Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Song of Instruction “Amazing Love”

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken I’m accepted, You were condemned
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again
I’m forgiven because You were forsaken I’m accepted, You were condemned
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again
Amazing love how can it be that you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it’s true and it’s my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again
Amazing love how can it be that you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true and it's my joy to honor you.
In all I do, to honor You. In all I do to honor You.

You are my King, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King, You are my King.
Amazing love how can it be that you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true and it's my joy to honor you.
Amazing love how can it be that you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true and it's my joy to honor you.
In all I do, to honor You. In all I do to honor You

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SERMON Exodus: Let My People Go! "Against All Odds!" (Ex 15:1–18)

OFFERING "The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, Where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing. (refrain)

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. (refrain)

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. (refrain)

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong
'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (refrain)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their
various conditions.

P: We remember before You, heavenly Father, all in whom Your Holy Spirit has
worked faith in Your Son, especially all who rejoice in His victory over death and the
grave. Renew in all of us new hearts and minds so that our celebrating will have no
end.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: We remember before You, Creator God, those who till the soil and tend the flocks, all who distribute the earth's bounty, and all who care for this good earth. Guide and direct them so that times of sowing and reaping, buying and selling, produce harvests that feed the nations.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: Grant Your continued blessing, O Lord, to Your servant, Francis Sulzbach to whom You have granted length of one hundred years in this present life. May she know Your loving-kindness, abide in the confession of Your care and protection, and in all things give You thanks;

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul, especially In sighs too deep for words, hear the depths of their distress, intercede for them, and grant them relief, restored health, personal dignity, and hope for the future.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: We remember before You, Lord Jesus, those who would have their way by force of arms or cunning of mind. Thwart their plans, guard the nations of the world, and let peace spring up with righteousness.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: Lord, every moment of joy comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week that they remain faithful to your Word including:

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Risen Savior, for Your mercy, sing we Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOING OUT SONG “I Will Rise”

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

There's a day that drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

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I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise, I will rise.

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