



Welcome  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Order of Worship

*Second Sunday of Easter*

### Pre-Service Music: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords,  
Glory Hallelujah  
King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords,  
Glory Hallelujah

Jesus, Prince Of Peace,  
Glory Hallelujah  
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Glory Hallelujah  
(Repeat with increasing speed)

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

- P** Christ, has risen! Hallelujah!  
**C** **He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!**  
**P** Our Lord lives! Hallelujah!  
**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**  
**P** as it was in the beginning,  
**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

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**refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.

Alleluia! **Refrain**

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia! **Refrain**

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! **Refrain**

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia! **Refrain**

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.

Alleluia! **Refrain**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *(Please be seated)*

## First Reading, Acts 5:12–20

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**G** Thanks be to God

## **Epistle Reading, Revelation 1:4–18**

John 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, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**G** Thanks be to God

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, John 20: 19-31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he

breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to You, O Christ!

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

### Sermon Song : 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!

Death no longer can appall me;

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

From the grave will Christ recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence;

This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,

Hence will I, to Jesus living,

Pure in heart and act abide,

Praise to Him and glory giving.

All I need God will dispense;

This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne

High above all things is given.

I shall go where He is gone,

Live and reign with Him in heaven.

God is faithful; doubtings, hence!

This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well

Nothing me from Him shall sever.

Neither death nor pow'rs of hell

Part me now from Christ forever.

God will be my sure defense;

This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;

This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.

Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond:

**P** Lord in your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer

## **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**☩ Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Agnus Dei

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we  
pray.**

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

### "The Lion And The Lamb"

1. He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

2. So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

### Chorus

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Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah He's  
roaring with power  
And fighting our battles And every knee will  
bow before Him Our God is the Lamb The  
Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks  
the chains And every knee will bow before  
the Lion and the Lamb Every knee will bow  
before the Lion and the Lamb

### Bridge

*Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord*

### Final Chorus

## 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Refrain

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## We Are The Body Of Christ

Chorus: One heart one spirit

One voice to praise You

We are the body of Christ

One goal one vision

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*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

**Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Refrain

To see You exalted

We are the body of Christ

Verse: And to this we give our lives

To see You glorified (Repeat all)

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Serve the Lord**

**C Thanks be to God**

### **Closing Song: "Indescribable"**

1) From the highest of heights  
To the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall  
To the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique  
In the song that it sings  
All exclaiming . . .

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing, God  
All powerful, untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing, God

2) Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt  
Where it should go?  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
Laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun  
And gives source to its light?  
Yet conceals it to bring us  
The coolness of night  
None can fathom . . .

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### **(Short instrumental segue)**

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You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing, God Incomparable,  
unchangeable You see the depths of  
my heart And You love me the same  
You are amazing, God  
You are amazing, God

*(Please be seated)*

## **Announcements**