

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 103
Christ the Lord is Risen Again,

OPENING RESPONSES

In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ:
**he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION

Christ our passover lamb has been
sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice
by putting away all malice and evil and
confessing our sins with a sincere and
true heart.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant
Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our
sins, and confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and
not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own
eyes, as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and
doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

ACT OF PENITENCE (*stand*)

God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness
to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the
washing away of our sins and the gift of life
eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the
living spring of your life within us, that we
may be free from sin and filled with your
saving health; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people are sprinkled with water

ABSOLUTION

May the Father forgive you by the death
of his Son and strengthen you to live in the
power of the Spirit all your days. **Amen.**

GLORIA (*sung*)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: 'Jubilate'

READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Walking in a Garden

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are

looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CREED *(stand)*

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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 worshipped 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Risen and living Lord,
Come with Easter hope.

PEACE *(stand)*

Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead.
The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN *In Christ Alone (stand)*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this
bread to set before you, which earth has
given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you, fruit of the vine and
work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth
is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and
in these days of Easter to celebrate with
joyful hearts the memory of your
wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus
Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the
powers of death and hell and restored in
men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in
paradise and opened to them the gate of
life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth
and heaven resound with gladness, while
angels and archangels and the powers of
all creation sing for ever the hymn of
your glory.

SANCTUS (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of
all holiness; grant that by the power of
your Holy Spirit, and according to your
holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night
that he was betrayed, took bread and
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to
his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the
cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to
them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith (*sung*)

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Stephen and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*said*)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

475 Now the Green Blade Riseth

433 Love's redeeming Work is Done

**8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to
the Risen Lord**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the
body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us
out in the power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*We make our way outside for our
final hymn.*

HYMN *Thine Be the Glory*

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay

*Thine be the glory
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Lo! Jesus meets us
Risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us
Scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth
Death hath lost its sting

Chorus

No more we doubt Thee
Glorious Prince of life
Life is naught without Thee
Aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above

Chorus

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of our salvation, you have restored us to life, you have brought us back again into your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ. Strengthen us as we go to live and work in the power of your Spirit. May we be agents of forgiveness and reconciliation seeking unity and peace, meeting hostility with love, to your praise and glory. Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

REGINA COELI 'QUEEN OF HEAVEN'

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.