

Prayer and Praises" is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

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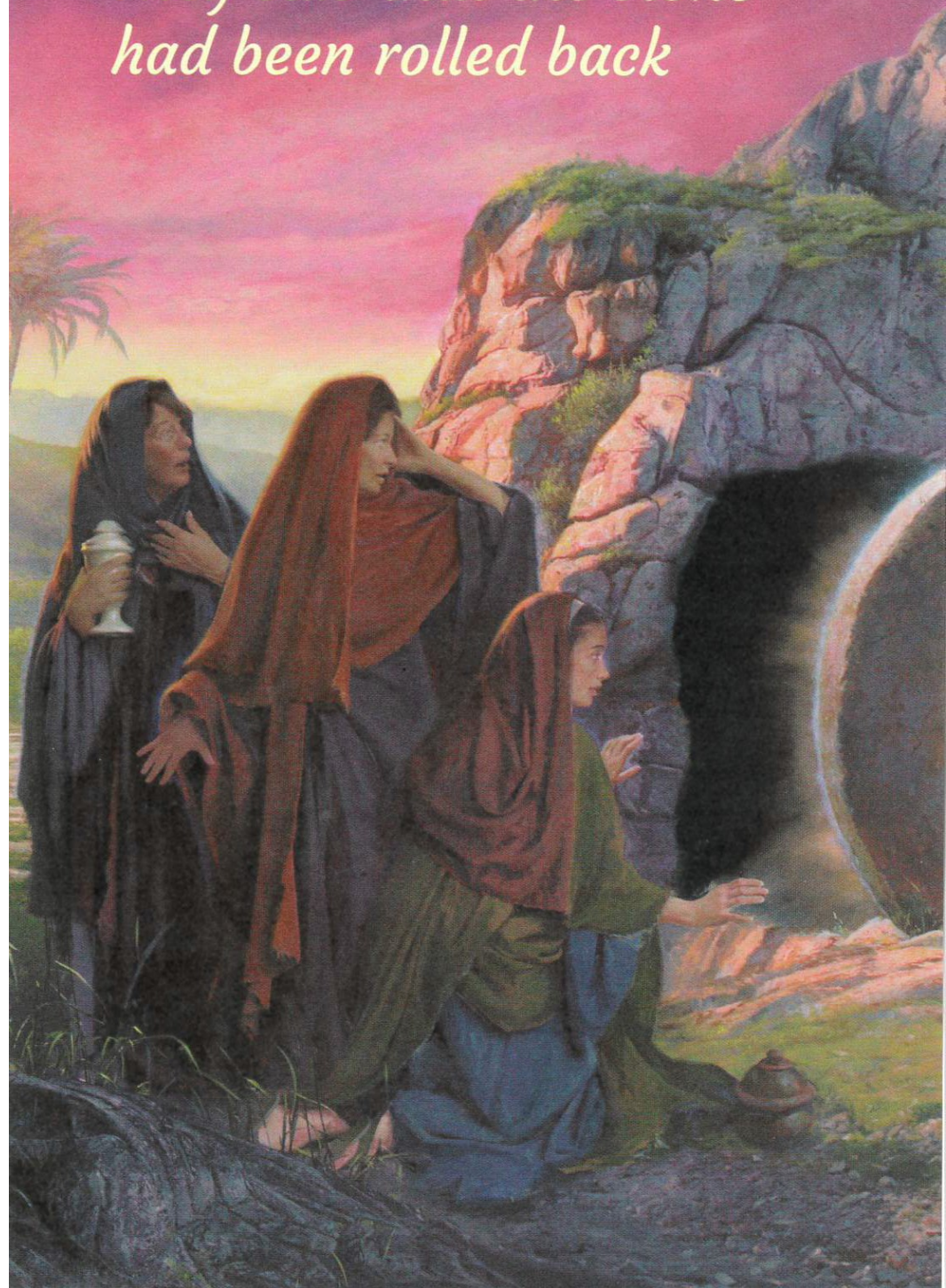
GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of Marjorie Wilson



About the Cover: The three women depicted on the cover paint a picture of shock, then bewilderment, and, finally, wonder as they stand closer to the empty tomb. It was, without a doubt, a jarring experience for those who witnessed the first Easter. And yet, Jesus does not leave us in shock but fills us with a joyful response to His saving work. His death and resurrection are for our forgiveness, life, and salvation! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*They saw that the stone
had been rolled back*



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EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service April 4, 2021
93.5 FM

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Thoughts As We Gather

Easter Sunday is the most significant worship service of the year! Easter is the climax of God's plan of redemption and the focus to which we return every Sunday as we give thanks and praise to God for the salvation we have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. His resurrection points to our resurrection, and His righteousness is ours. Paul says it well: "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. . . . But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:13, 20). This is the opportunity to pull out all the stops: big organ music, brass and string accompaniment, the full choir, processional, incense, flowers, you name it. Our celebration is big because our salvation is big. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS COMMITTEE

For the month of April, we will be collecting items to help Moses House Ministries in Victorville. They are a non-profit organization that helps families in crisis. If you wish to help with this project, please place your donations in the collection box in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support. We are collecting:

1. toiletries (full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, shaving cream, etc.)
2. cleaning supplies (disinfectant sprays, dish soap, toilet cleaner, etc.)
3. diapers (size 4 and up) and wipes
4. baby boy clothes (newborn – 24 months)

MARJORIE WILSON'S FUNERAL

Marjorie Wilson's funeral is scheduled for tomorrow, April 5, 2021. The viewing is at 10:00 and service starts at 11:00 a.m. at Desert View Funeral Home, 11478 Amargosa Rd., Victorville, CA 92392.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an Evangelism Committee meeting next Sunday, April 11, 2021 after the cleanup of the church following service.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2021 after cleanup of the church following service.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone at Ascension for all the prayers, meals, visits, cards and everything else because without it I would not have been able to stay with my daughter-in-law and grandkids as long as I did. Your outpouring of love is very humbling and shows the true hands and feet of Jesus. Also thank you to everyone who helped Erik create the gift basket for me, it is all so wonderful. Stacia, Erik and Martha

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (04/04) 9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Worship
Easter Sunday

Mon. (04/05) 11:00 a.m. Marjorie Wilson's Funeral
Office Closed @ Desert View Funeral Home

Wed. (04/07) 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sun. (04/11) 9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Worship
After Service Evangelism Committee Mtg

ATTENDANCE:

03/28/2021 9:00 a.m. 68

OFFERING:

Needed weekly: \$ 3,737.00

Received 03/28/21 \$ 5,395.00

Over \$ 1,658.00

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Mark Amer
HEAD USHER Bruce Benson

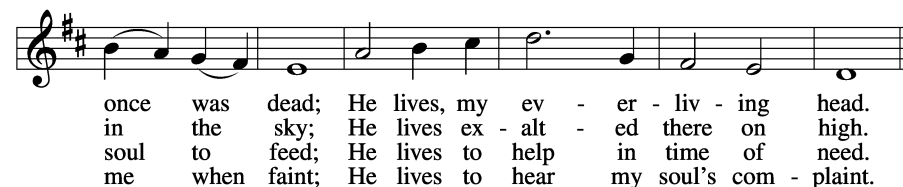
SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, April 11, 2021 are:

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 148 (antiphon v. 13)
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

STEWARDSHIP: April 4 – Easter

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter. It's sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.



- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- [P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] **Amen.**
- [P]** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- [P]** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
[C] **who made heaven and earth.**
[P] I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
[C] **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

**The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

You 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.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

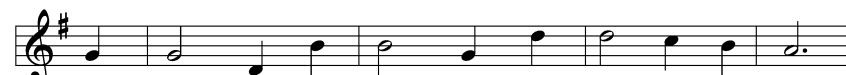
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

480 He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

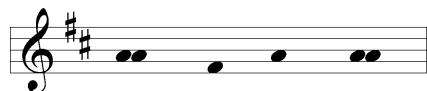
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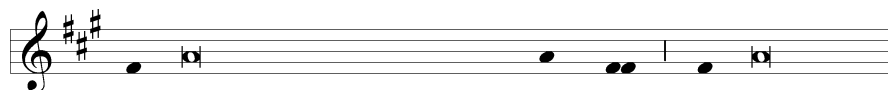
A Bless we the Lord.



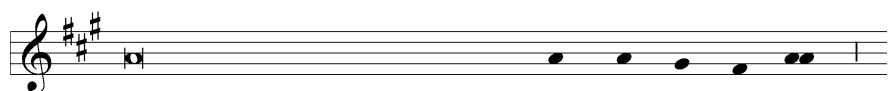
C Thanks be to God.

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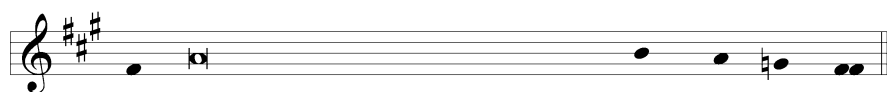
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

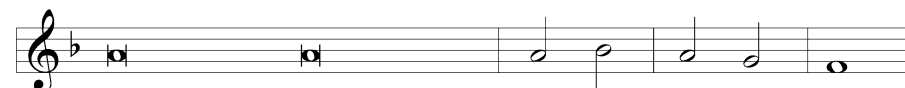
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

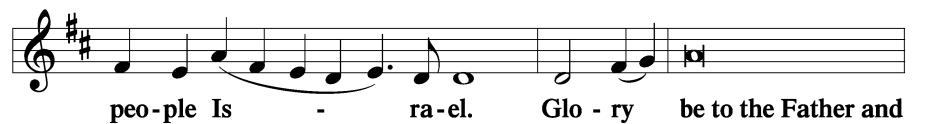
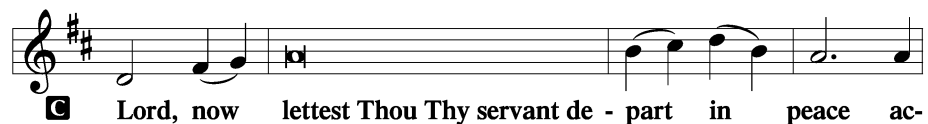
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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P Let us pray.

P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might
save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Preserve me, O God,
for in You I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You.”**

³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.

⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰**For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let Your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.


EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–11


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


633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine. Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

Sit

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Δ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

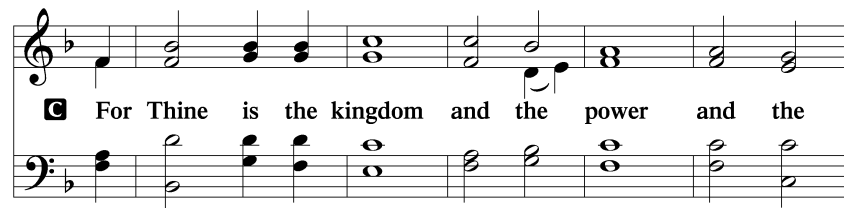


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

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 † 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 † blood, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of Me."



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON TEXT: Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON THEME: Return and See

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, on this glorious day, fill Your people with a holy fear at the resurrection of Your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of Your power to save. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Be with Matthew, our Synod president; Mike, our district president; and all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially* _____]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Comfort those who mourn with the truth of Christ's empty tomb, that in the midst of their grief they may abide in the hope of His resurrection. Uphold them in faith as they await the day when You will wipe every tear from all faces. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.