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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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**Color of the Day:** White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.

Opening Hymn . . . . . #457 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 151

## Service of the Word

Introit . . . . . Page 152

*Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b.*

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become my sal- | vation.

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 ho- | ly 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 es- | tablished.\*

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 be- | ginning,\*

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 in- | to the sea.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 152

Hymn of Praise (This Is the Feast) . . . . . Page 155

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 156

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 156

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He 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.

<sup>9</sup>It 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."

Gradual . . . . . Page 156

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet

Epistle Reading . . . . . Page 156

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than

five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But 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.

<sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Choral Anthem**

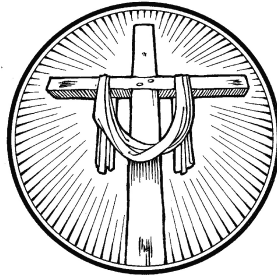
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**Holy Gospel** . . . . . Page 157

*Mark 16:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

<sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And 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.



**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** . . . . . #458 - *Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands*

**The Sermon** . . . . . **Sanctification**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Art.; 1 Cor. 2:14; 12:3*

**Other Notes or Questions for the Pastor:**

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*Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), check out Pastor’s blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>*

**Creed** . . . . . Page 158

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**Service of the Sacrament**

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**Pax Domini and Agnus Dei** . . . . . Page 163

**Distribution** . . . . . Page 164

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** . . #544 - *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*  
 #473 - *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free*  
 #465 - *Now All the Vault of Heav’n Resounds*  
 #466 - *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

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**Closing Hymn** . . . . . #469 - *Christ the Lord is Ris’n Today*