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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** . . . . . #465 - *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**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.

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**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

*Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**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 under his feet**

**Epistle Reading** . . . . . Page 156

*Colossians 3:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things

that are above, not on things that are on earth.<sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Choral Anthem**

**Alleluia & Verse (Common)** . . . . . Page 156

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

*Matthew 28:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** . . . . . #457 - *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**The Sermon** . . . . . **Jesus Brings Peace**  
*Psalm 16:10; Matt. 16:21; Luke 24:36-49*

**Introduction**

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!  
This year we continue \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm**

King David prophesied \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus descended to hell to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus’ body did not see \_\_\_\_\_.  
David speaks of our own \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew**

Jesus did speak about His \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus always leaves His disciples with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke**

Although the doors were locked \_\_\_\_\_.  
The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus gives them \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus opens their \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Does This Mean?**

God’s Word is a word with \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus earned and paid \_\_\_\_\_.  
With peace, Jesus send \_\_\_\_\_.  
As we celebrate \_\_\_\_\_.  
He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**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

**Prayer of the Church & Offering** . . . . . Page 159

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Service of the Sacrament

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**Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord** . . . . . Page 162

**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** . . . . . #483 - *With High Delight Let Us Unite*  
#466 - *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*  
#474 - *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*  
#475 - *Good Christen Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

**Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord)** . . . . . Page 164

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**Closing Hymn** . . . . . #477 - *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*