

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *The Bell Choir plays "Easter Welcoming" by Rogers*

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS
all standing

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

(all kneel)
(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Faithful God, we confess that we have tried to live by our own strength, shunning the power of the resurrection. We have doubted your promises. We have sinned against our neighbor and against you by the things we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us, loving Father; forgive us our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now, victorious, lives to God and for his sake God grants you pardon and peace. As his called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457
we sing, standing

GREETING
Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN 477 vs 1, 2, 3 - Hymn of Praise
we sing, standing

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 16 - *we read as indicated*
M = men W = women/children A = All

M Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

W *I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

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

M 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.

W *The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.*

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

M I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

W *I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

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

M For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

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

A **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.**

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 266 - **NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE**

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*
Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!**
After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

HYMN 463 - *we sing, standing*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal back cover*
all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY
The Parish Choir sings "The Festal Day is Here" - tune Vruuchten; arr. Hal Hopson; Frank Vasi, Saxophone

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** - *all standing*

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

page 162 - **LORD'S PRAYER & WORDS OF OUR LORD** - *right col.*

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

FESTIVAL COMMUNION
During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 633 and 482

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

HYMN 488 vs 1 - *we sing, standing*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of life, who raised Jesus from the bonds of death and who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 461 vs 1, 2, 3, 6, 8
we sing, standing

WORD OF DISMISSAL *(face church entrance)* Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE - *"March" by Schumann*

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