

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**The Resurrection of our Lord**  
*"Death has been swallowed up in victory! Alleluia!"*

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP TODAY**

**Opening Hymn:** Insert #752

*In Christ Alone*

**I. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD**

**The Easter Acclamation:**

P: Christ has risen! / **C: He has risen indeed!**

Why do you look for the living among the dead? / **He is not here--he has risen!**

He was given over to death because of our sins/ **And was raised to life because of our justification.**

Remember how he told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise? / **Christ has risen!**

He has risen indeed! / **Alleluia! Give praise to God! Alleluia!**

**Hymn: 157** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**The Confession of Sins:**

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Since we have gathered on this day of victory to worship our God, let us remember our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and realize that we can never free ourselves from the slavery of sin. Yet our merciful God has sent his own Son, to live a perfect life for us, and to die to free us from sin and Satan. And by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, he has assured us that we may come before him with confidence and know that he will answer our prayer of confession:

**All: Almighty God, have mercy on me. Forgive all my sins, for Jesus' sake. By his resurrection power lead me to life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Having heard your confession, I as a called minister of God's Word assure you that God our Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I assure you that he has forgiven you all your sins. Peace be with you. Amen.

**Hymn:** Insert #721

*If Christ had not been Raised*  
(Based on 1 Corinthians 15:12)

**II. GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM THE SCRIPTURES:**

**The Old Testament Reading**

**Exodus 15: 1-11**

*Moses' song of praise is a reminder to us of our Savior-God's greatness and power.*

**The Psalm**

Psalm 118, p. 108 in the Hymnal

**The Epistle Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15: 12-26**

*Jesus' resurrection is the sure guarantee of our own resurrection on the Last Day.*

**The Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24 cf. NIV)

**Response:**

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
Oh, hear What cheer!  
Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.  
He was dead, but now is living!

**The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 24: 1-12**

*"He is not here. He has risen!" No more comforting words exist for our faith!*

**The Hymn of the Day:** #156

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

**The Sermon**

**Luke 24: 1-12**

Where's Jesus?

**We Confess Our Christian Faith:** The Apostle's Creed, p. 41 in your Hymnal

### III. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

The Easter Offering

The Offering Hymn: #154

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

The Easter Prayers

### IV. WE ASK FOR AND RECEIVE THE LORD'S BLESSING

Hymn: #167

*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #152

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



**EASTER SUNDAY** is the glorious "mountain peak" of our observance of the Church year. Everything in the "Festival Half" of the liturgical year points to this day--the Day of Victory. For what would Christmas be without Easter? What purpose would Lent serve without Easter? What would Good Friday benefit us without Easter? What would be the meaning of our Christian faith without this glorious day? *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins".* (I Corinthians 15:17)

Easter assures us of three important spiritual truths:

**First**, that our Lord is truly the Son of God -- He was *"declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead."* (Romans 1:4)

**Secondly**, that we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with Him, as He has promised, *"Because I live, you shall live also."* (John 14:19)

**And finally**, it is the guarantee that the sacrifice our Savior made on the cross on Good Friday was indeed the sufficient payment for the sins of the world. *"He was raised to life for our justification."* (Romans 4:25)

Is it any wonder that Easter Day is so special, so important, so vital for us as God's people? May our appreciation and our worship on this day, and throughout the Easter season, be a fitting reflection of the eternal victory we share and enjoy with our Savior now and forever!

**MAY YOU ENJOY A BLESSED AND VICTORIOUS EASTER CELEBRATION!**

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