

8AM MORNING PRAYER

Word of Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Sentences

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Leader On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Leader God is Spirit;

People *And those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.*

All *Glory 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.*

Christ Our Passover: *Pascha Nostrum* *The people remain standing and recite in unison.*

All *Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; **

*therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him.*

*The death that he died, he died to sin once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God. So consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead, * the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, * so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

The Psalm Please be seated.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a,36-41).
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* *The people stand as ability allows and recite in unison.*

All *I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior. This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him. The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; * the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; * your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? * who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders? You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up. With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; * with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling. You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, * the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established. The Lord shall reign *for ever and for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Second Lesson Please be seated.

Reader A reading from the first letter of St. Peter (1:17-23).
If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from

the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel of Luke. (24:13-35)

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please be seated.

Reflection

The Apostles Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

All *I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Prayers *Please stand as ability allows.*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Leader Let us pray.

All *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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Suffrages A

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People *And grant us your salvation.*

Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People *Let your people sing with joy.*

Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People *For only in you can we live in safety.*

Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Leader Let your way be known upon earth;

People *Your saving health among all nations.*

Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collects

Leader O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

Leader O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

Leader O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Leader Helena Thornton

Reader Risen Christ, bursting from the tomb: we yearn for the joy you bring. Burst into our lives and lift our hearts with resurrection joy as we pray.

Silence

Reader Guide us through all uncertainty and fear. The first witnesses to your resurrection also were uncertain and afraid. Calm us as you calmed them.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader By defeating death, you have freed us from the grip of sin. Release our nation and its leaders from bigotry, avarice, and every sinful way.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader The bright light of Easter promises a new day to those in pain. Shine its warm rays on all the sick and suffering, including those we now name. (Jane (Rose), Connie (Johnson), William (Schulenberg), Cole (Young), Stephanie (Robinson), Pat (Snyder), the Collins Family, Bob (Chapman), Shirley (Haas), Jen (Jewkes), Pat (Mulkern), Lynn (Honeycutt), Hardy (Shelton III), Jacey (Ciernak), Abbie B., the Kirton-Burbank family, the Rodemeyer family, Paula (Gray-Roberston), Leola, Fran (Moir), Louise (LeBeau), Greg (Haas), Cindy (Graham), Marie (Stanyar), Jill (Poske), and Ron (Juergens).

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader In rising from the grave, you have raised us, too. Receive all who have died into the glory of heaven, including those we now name.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we pray to the living God.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader Easter is good news! Fill us with gladness and thanksgiving for the miracle of your resurrection and for all the blessings of our lives, including those we now name. (people may add their own petitions) Help us, as we seek to share our joy with others. Strengthen us, as your Church, to proclaim faith in the midst of doubt and hope in the midst of despair.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

The General Thanksgiving *Please stand as you are able.*

All *Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Leader Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All *Thanks be to God.*

Leader Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All *Amen.*