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# Alleluia! Christ is risen!



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*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE: TLH 199*

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| <b>1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!</b><br>Sons of men and angels say, "Alleluia!"<br>Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!<br>Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, "Alleluia!" | <b>3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!</b><br>Christ has burst the gates of hell. Alleluia!<br>Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!<br>Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia! |
| <b>2 Love's redeeming work is done! Alleluia!</b><br>Fought the fight, the battle won! Alleluia!<br>Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er! Alleluia!<br>Lo, He sets in blood no more! Alleluia!          | <b>4 Lives again our glorious King! Alleluia!</b><br>Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!<br>Dying once, He all doth save! Alleluia!<br>Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!           |

*THE INVOCATION*

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*THE CONFESSION OF SINS*

*Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,*

**and You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*All-Powerful God, our Maker and our Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are sinful and unclean by nature, and also that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. And so we flee to find refuge in Your limitless mercy, looking and pleading for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Most merciful God, who gave Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake forgive us all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us real knowledge of You and of Your will and real obedience to Your Word so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.*

*Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**Amen.**

*I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;*  
**the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

*The LORD is my strength and my song,*  
**and He has become my salvation.**

*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 holy 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 established.*

**The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

*Glory to God on high:*  
**and on earth peace, good will toward men.**  
**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,  
we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**  
**You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**  
**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.**  
**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT

*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.*

## The Reading of God's Word

*from the Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:1–6*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16 (antiphon v. 10)

*For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*  
**or let Your Holy One see corruption.**

*Preserve me, O God,*  
**for in You I take refuge.**

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

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

*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.**

*The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;*  
**You hold my lot.**

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

*I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*  
**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

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

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

*For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*  
**or let Your Holy One see corruption.**

*You make known to me the path of life;*  
**in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*  
**or let Your Holy One see corruption.**

*from the Letters: Colossians 3:1–4*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospels: Matthew 28:1–10*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*THE NICENE CREED*

*Having heard the Word, what do you believe?*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

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- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

## The Sermon

TUNE: LSB 633

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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### *The Prayer of the Church*

*after each petition:*

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray.* Dearest Lord Jesus, Master and Savior, Alpha and Omega, Firstborn from the dead, thanks and praise and glory to You. O risen Brother, Living God, lead us and we will follow You to the cross, to the grave, and to the skies. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

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- 5 Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save! Alleluia!
- 6 Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and man hath reconciled, Alleluia!  
When in strange and awful strife, Alleluia!  
Met together Death and Life. Alleluia!
- 7 For the sheep the Lamb hath bled. Alleluia!  
Now the Firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!  
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!  
Lives and reigns for evermore. Alleluia!
- △ 8 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love! Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia!



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The image shows the word 'Alleluia' written in a decorative, calligraphic script. There are three instances of the word, arranged vertically. Each instance has a cross symbol above it. The top cross is a simple Latin cross, while the others are more stylized.

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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Exodus 14:10–31	Hebrews 7:23–8:13
M	Exodus 15:1–18	Hebrews 9:1–28
Tu	Exodus 15:19–16:12	Hebrews 10:1–18
W	Exodus 16:13–35	Hebrews 10:19–39
Th	Exodus 17:1–16	Hebrews 11:1–29
F	Exodus 18:5–27	Hebrews 12:1–24
Sa	Exodus 19:1–25	Hebrews 13:1–21

### On the Resurrection of Our Lord

*As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord,  
we focus on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ  
in His state of exaltation, as it is briefly expressed  
in the Augsburg Confession.*

[Our churches teach that Jesus Christ] also descended into hell, and on the third day truly rose again. Afterward He ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father. There He reigns forever and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead.

The Augsburg Confession, Article III, 4–6

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives! He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.      *LSB 461:1*

### Verse for Meditation

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia!  
*1 Corinthians 15:20a*

### Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*The following topics may guide your prayer each day.*

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers, and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil; for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family; for our schools, communities, and neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

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 rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God, now and in the endless world to come. Amen.

### Readings for the Second Sun. of Easter, April 19

Acts 5:29–42; Psalm 148 (v. 13);  
1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31