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Easter Day

The Resurrection of Our Lord

PRELUDE

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Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Opus 56 – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Movement 1, *Con moto maestoso*

IN MEDITATION

Matthew 28:1-10

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COLLECT

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

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1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. *Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;* Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. *Soar we now where Christ has led,* Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n: Al - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee we greet tri - um - phant now; Al - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader: Now is Christ risen from the dead,

People: **And become the firstfruits of them that slept.**

Leader: For since by man came death,

People: **By man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, 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 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, saying: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O Most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,


People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

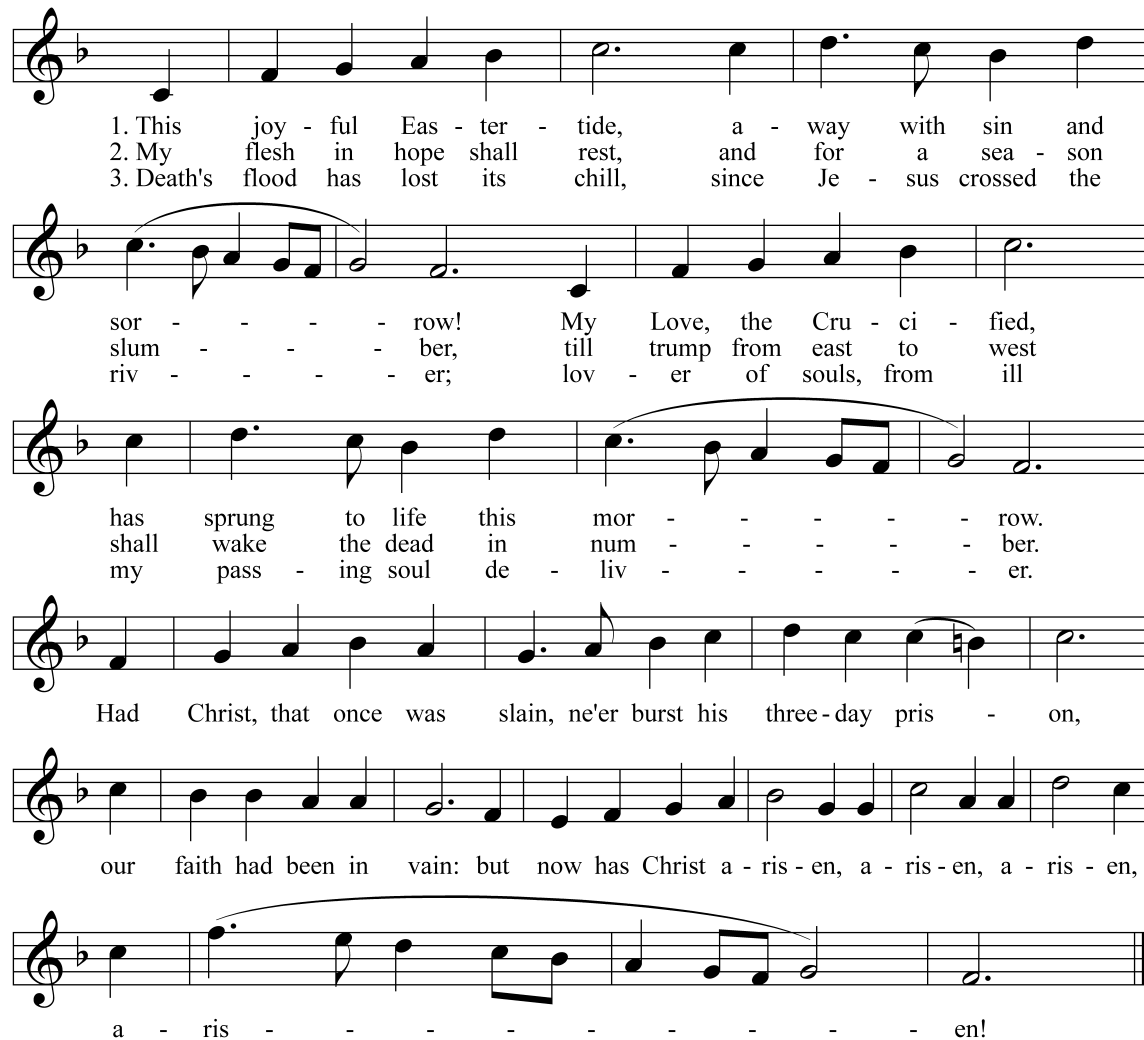
GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

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All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

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1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son
3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
sor - - - - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied,
slum - - - - ber, till trump from east to west
riv - - - - er; lov - er of souls, from ill
has sprung to life this mor - - - - row.
shall wake the dead in num - - - - ber.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - - - - er.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on,
our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en,
a - ris - - - - - en!

The Service of the Word

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
People: I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other.
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10:34-43

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 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. 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. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OUR RESPONSE

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Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695

Melchior Vulpius, 1609



1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
2. *The pow'rs of death have done their worst,*
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
4. *He broke the age - bound chains of hell;*
5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
he ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
the bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



now be the song of praise be - gun.
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.
that we may live and sing to thee.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, there is an ellipsis. Use this to pause for silent prayer or to invite others in your group to add their own petitions.

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God around the world, and for our missionaries, let us
pray to the Lord...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our pastors, elders, deacons, and people, let us pray to the Lord...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Greater Austin, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let pray to the Lord...Lord, in your
mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All: To thee, O Lord our God. 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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GOSPEL LESSON

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Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN

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Christian F. Gellert, 1757

Johann Crüger, 1653



1. Je-sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. *Je-sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king-dom still re - main - ing.*
3. Je-sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
4. *Je-sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,*
5. Je-sus lives and now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.
this shall calm my tremb - ling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has pro - mised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence.

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