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✠ Service of Preparation ✠

### Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

### Confession and Absolution

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

John 20:19-23

**Collect of the Day**

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P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.

**C Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**First Reading** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

"All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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P Christian, what do you believe?

**C 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian 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.**



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'  
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us  
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing  
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through  
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



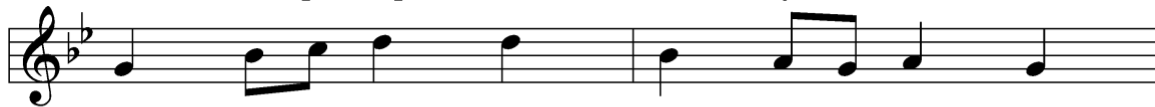
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,  
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om  
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor  
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,  
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,  
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!  
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion  
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You  
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;  
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!  
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;  
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,  
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures  
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;  
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,  
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.  
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!  
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!  
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

**Sermon**

*"A Word from Cleopas" - based on Luke 24:13-35*

**Prayer of the Church**

1 Timothy 2:1-4, *LSB pg. 159*

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church,

**C that the message of salvation joyfully be told throughout all the world and the Easter victory of Jesus Christ be celebrated around the globe.**

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world,

**C that the governments of all nations be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms be hindered.**

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for ourselves in this season of our Lord's great victory,

**C that we truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities.**

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all who serve us through their callings,

**C especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times.**

P Lord in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [*including . . .*], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are not known to us at this time. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they have a sense of victory in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this day we remember those no longer among us on earth who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ.

**C Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together eternally at Your Table in the New Creation.**

P Lord in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father who art in heaven,** Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

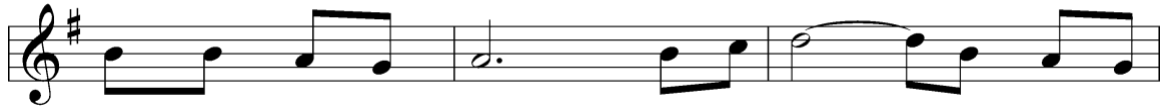
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**



1	Stay	with	us,	till	night	has	come:	Our	praise	to
2	Walk	with	us,	our	spir - its	sigh:	Hear	when	our	
3	Walk	with	us,	the	road	will	bend:	Make	all	our
4	Talk	with	us,	till	we	be - hold	A	joy - ful		
5	Stay	with	us,	till	day	is	done:	No	tears	nor



You	this	day	be	sung.	Bless	our	bread,	O - pen	our	
wea - ry	spir - its	cry,	Feel	a - gain	Our	loss,	our			
weep - ing,	wail - ing	end.	Wipe	our	tears,	For - give	our			
life	You	will	un - fold:	Heal	our	eyes	To	see	the	
dark	shall	dim	the	sun.	Cheer	the	heart,	Your	grace	im -



eyes:	Je - sus,	be	our	great	sur - prise.	
pain:	Je - sus,	take	us	to	Your	side.
fears:	Je - sus,	lift	the	heav - y	cross.	
prize:	Je - sus,	take	us	to	the	light.
part:	Je - sus,	bring	e - ter - nal	life.		

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**Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace, and serve the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



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