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EASTER REFRAINS

An order of service using many refrains and hymn verses continuing the season of Easter.

Anthem

“Jesus in the Morning”

Cherub Choir

Opening Verse

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 sts. 1, ref



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for-



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Proclamation

- P: Christ is risen. **C: He is risen indeed!**
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Proclamation Verse

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Refrain

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Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name,
proclaim His salvation from day to day.

C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead
and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Proclamation Verse

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Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Introit (Entrance Verses) for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 105:1-5, 8;

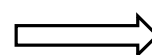
P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—

antiphon (repeated verse): 1 Peter 2:2-3

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C: **make known his deeds among the peoples!**



P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;

C: *let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C: *Remember the wondrous works that he has done,*

P: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
He remembers his covenant forever,

**C: *the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
Glory be 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.***

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C: Amen.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

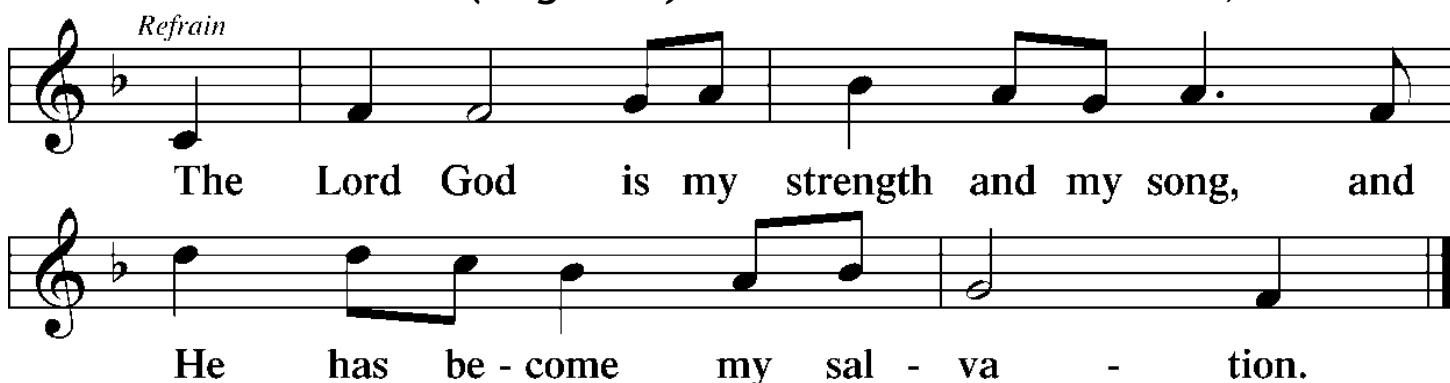
P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may
by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through
the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Canticle (sing twice)

from LSB 261

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God
our Father, urgently asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

Song of Praise

He is Exalted



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on _ high, _ I will praise _ Him.



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name! _



_ He is the Lord, _ for - ev - er His truth shall reign.



Heav - en and earth _ re - joice in His ho - ly name. _



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high! _



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



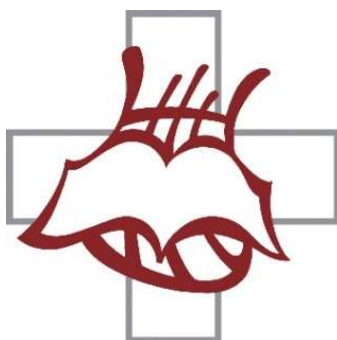
Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.



Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading

Acts 17:1-15 (VOICE)

After leaving Philippi and passing through Amphipolis and Apollonia, Paul and Silas came to Thessalonica. There was a Jewish synagogue there. ²⁻³ As he had done in other cities, Paul attended the synagogue and presented arguments, based on the Hebrew Scriptures, that the Anointed had to suffer and rise from the dead.

Paul: Who is this suffering and rising Anointed One I am proclaiming to you? He is Jesus.

He came back the next two Sabbaths—repeating the same pattern. ⁴ Some of the *ethnically Jewish people from the synagogue* were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas. Even more devout Greeks *who had affiliated with Judaism* came to believe—along with quite a few of the city's leading women. ⁵⁻⁶ *Seeing this movement growing*, the unconvinced Jewish people became protective and angry. They found some ruffians hanging out in the marketplaces and convinced them to help start a riot. Soon a mob formed, *and the whole city was seething with tension*. The mob was *going street by street*, looking for Paul and Silas—who were nowhere to be found. Frustrated, when the mob came to the house of a man named Jason, *now known as a believer*, they grabbed him and some other believers they found there and dragged them to the city officials.

Mob: These people—they're *political agitators* turning the world upside down! They've come here to our fine city, ⁷ and this man, Jason, has given them sanctuary *and made his house a base for their operations*. We want to expose their real intent: they are trying to overturn Caesar's sensible decrees. They're saying that Jesus is king, *not Caesar!*

⁸ Of course, this disturbed the crowd at large and the city officials especially, ⁹ so they demanded bail from Jason and the others before releasing them.

¹⁰ The believers waited until dark and then sent Paul and Silas off to Berea. When they arrived, they went to the synagogue. ¹¹ The Jewish people here were more receptive than they had been in Thessalonica. They warmly and enthusiastically welcomed the message and then, day by day, would check for themselves to see if what they heard *from Paul and Silas* was truly in harmony with the Hebrew Scriptures. ¹² Many of them were convinced, and the new believers included—*as in Thessalonica*—quite a few of the city's leading Greek women and important men also. ¹³ Reports got back to Thessalonica that Paul and Silas were now spreading God's message in Berea; the Jewish people who had incited the riot in Thessalonica quickly came to Berea to do the same once again. ¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The believers sent Paul away. A small group escorted him, first to the coast, and then all the way to Athens. Silas and Timothy, however, remained in Berea. Later they received instructions from Paul to join him in Athens as soon as possible.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response (sing twice) Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

Collect (Prayer of the Word)

P: Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. In the days after Jesus ascended into heaven, Your followers, like Paul, Timothy, and Silas, established churches in communities near and far. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what You have given to us. Show us how to witness to Your presence in places near and far. Protect, encourage, and bless Your whole Church as we proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem

“Jesus Reigns”

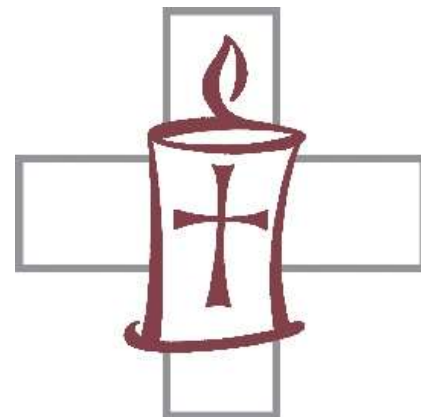
Junior Choir

Song of the Day

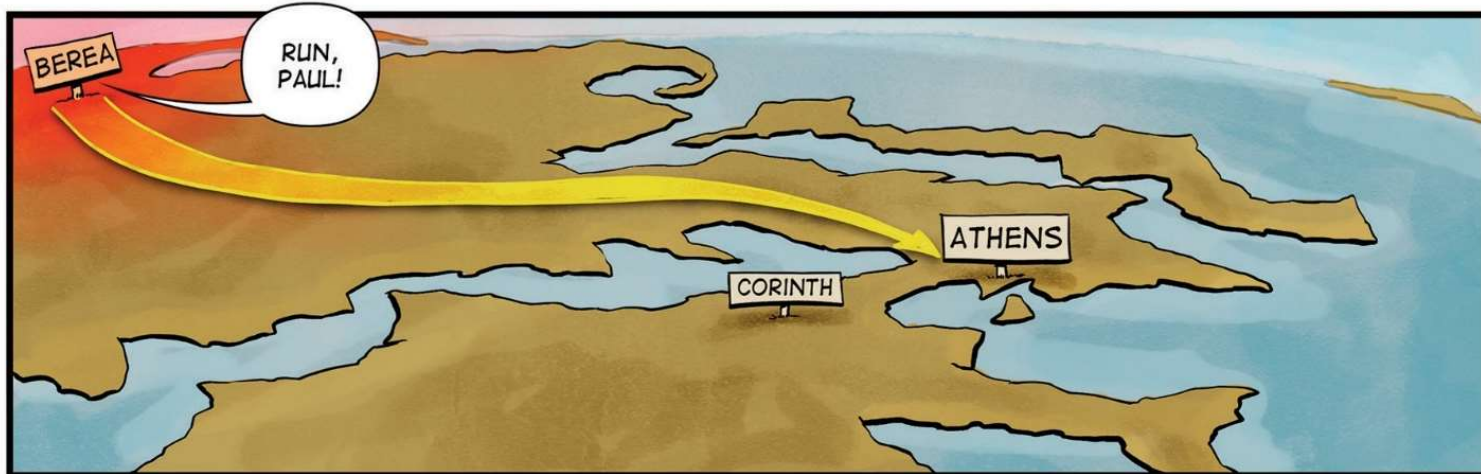
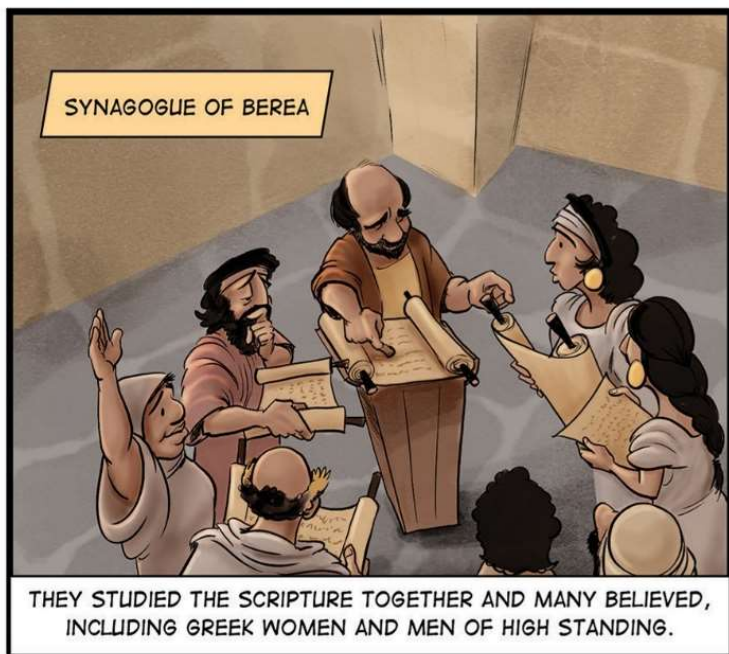
This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

2. Hide it under a bushel, no...
3. Won't let Satan (puff) it out,...
4. Hold it high so all can see,...



Sermon




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Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory **Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (sing twice)** LSB 782 st. ref

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

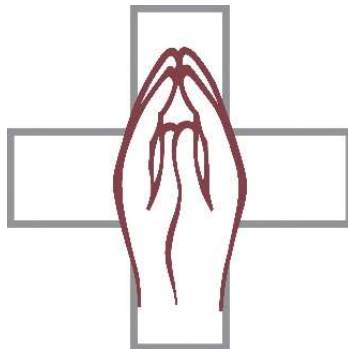
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Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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

Prayers



The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Easter Refrain (sing twice)

Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

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Proclamation

P: Alleluia.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

P: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: Alleluia.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

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.

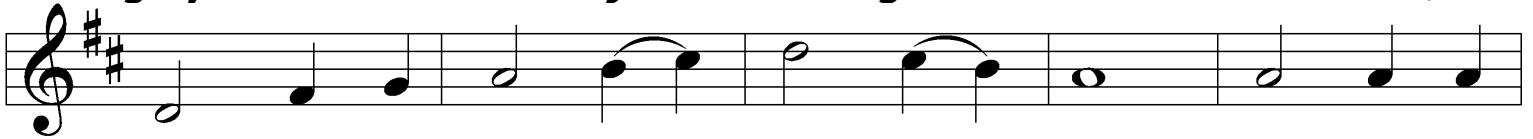
C: Amen.



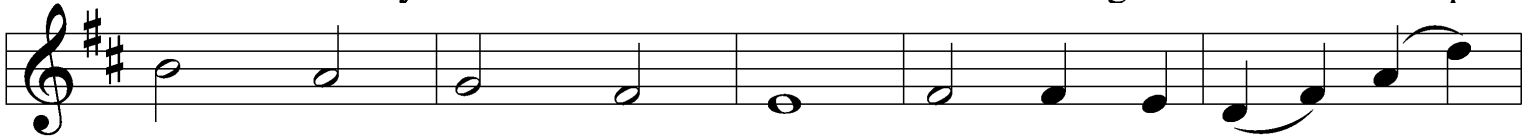
Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Announcements

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