

The
HOPE
in
Revelation

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EASTER REFRAINS

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

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!

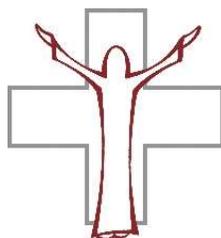
Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Proclamation

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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.**

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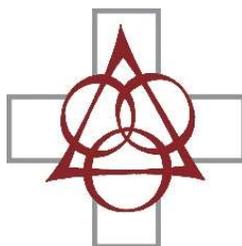
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Introit (Entrance Verses) for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 105:1–5, 8;

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

Proclamation Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt.
Tune: Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

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

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in
 song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and
 me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -
 storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 -ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His
 cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

stand.
stand!

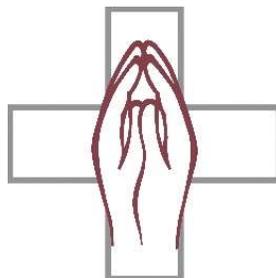
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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

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.**



Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31(ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

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Anthem**He Is the Risen Lord****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.

Even death his will obeyed, For with his love he closed the grave.

He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.

He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.

He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.

The Prince of Death has lost his prey. The King has rolled the stone away.

He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.

He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.

Forever he shall reign!

Reading from the Revelation to St. John**Revelation 1:4–18 (ESV)**

[A letter from] ⁴John [the Apostle]

to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the

patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Response (sing twice)

from LSB 261

Refrain



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

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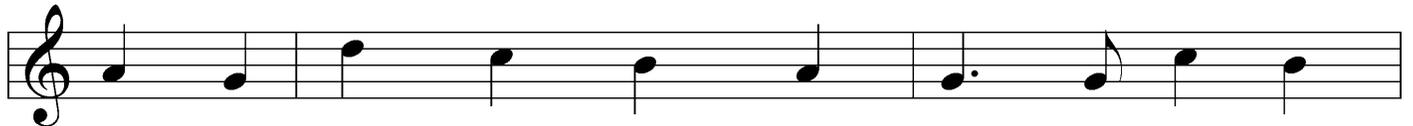
Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901

Mission Moment



Sermon

Revelation 1:4-18

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
(Sung as the Offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar)



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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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.

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

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

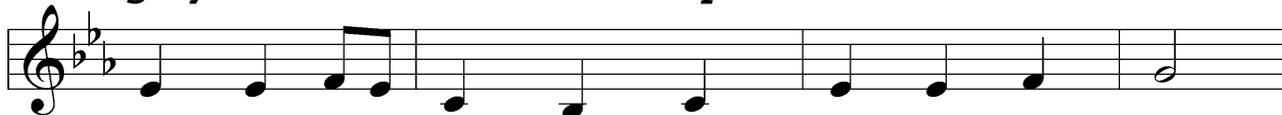
P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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