## EASY PRINT – Easter Day – March 31, 2024

Welcome – Fr. Daniel & Children

Please rise in body or spirit and sing

Processional Hymn: #203 – "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.



- 1. Glo-ry, in the high est glo-ry, peace to all, in all their days.
- 2. Je sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise: Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign-ing in the sap-phire height, hid-den from our mor-tal sight, ho-ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a-dor-a-tion, as we make our sup-pli-ca-tion. with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

## The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 10.34-43

People: **Thanks be to God.**A moment of silence is observed



To - day our Lord is ri-sen. Let us sing with joy from moun-tains high.\_\_\_\_\_

- Cantor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! /Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'// The Lord is my strength and my might; / he has become my salvation. // **REFRAIN**
- Cantor: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: / 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; // the right hand of the Lord is exalted; / the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.' // **REFRAIN**
- Cantor: I shall not die, but I shall live, / and recount the deeds of the Lord. // The Lord has punished me severely, / but he did not give me over to death. // **REFRAIN**
- Cantor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, / that I may enter through them // and give thanks to the Lord. / This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. // **REFRAIN**
- Cantor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. /
  The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. //
  This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. / This is the day that
  the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. // REFRAIN



Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Colossians. *Please be seated* If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

1 Colossians 15.19-26 A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #205 – "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION"

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

The last verse is sung after the Gospel

# The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord": and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.1-18

All:

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse is sung after the Gospel

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Daniel Brereton

Please be seated

During the anthem, the Choir will be singing first 4 verses and ask the congregation to join them in the last verse of anthem.

#### **Choir Anthem:** – "AND CAN IT BE"

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Saviour's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine! 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more. *Refrain* 

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain* 

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. *Refrain* 

(Congregation will join in)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain* 

### The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit.

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

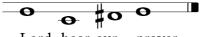
All: On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

Please kneel or remain seated

Priest: On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need, singing "Lord, hear our prayer"

All:



Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized and all your Church throughout the world, as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord,

in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Priest: You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources and cause us to preserve the health of

plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

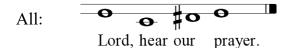
Priest: You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations.

Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the

Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We ask that you pray for the individuals aloud or in silent,.... Lord, in your mercy,



Priest: You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your

mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us

with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has

no end. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,

trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

All: Amen.

**The Peace**Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members. We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

All sing

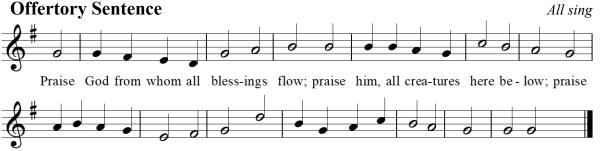
Offertory Hymn: (LEV #43) – "BECAUSE HE LIVES"

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance. This child can face uncertain day because He lives. *Refrain*:

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. *Refrain*:

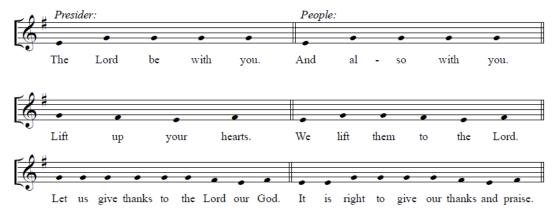


him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

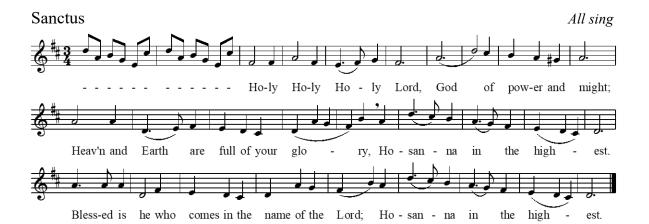
#### **▼** The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.



Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.



Please kneel or be seated

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

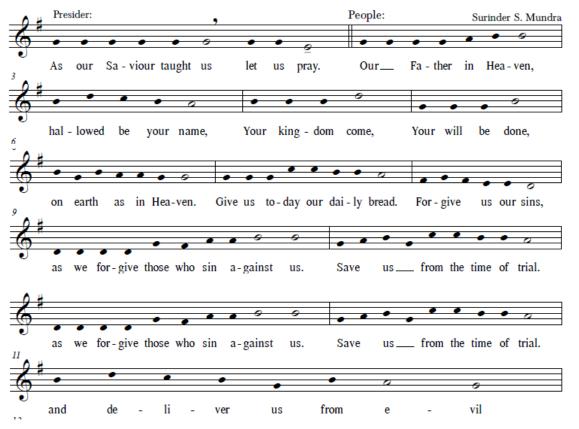
Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

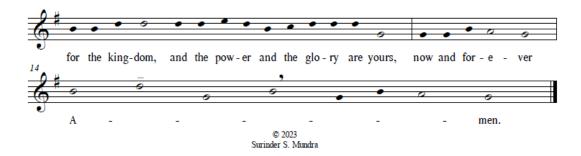
Priest: In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



All sing





Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

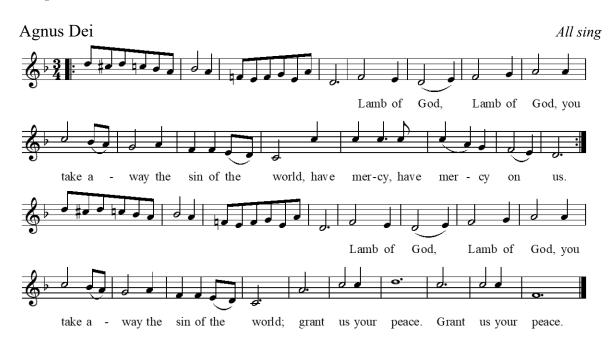
Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest: Live in us that we may live in you.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.



#### The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.

Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.

Communion Hymn: #237 – "Now the Green Blade Rises"

All Sing

All sing

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Communion Hymn: #216 – "YE CHOIRS OF NEW JERUSALEM"

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head, and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son; all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Communion Hymn: #230– "THE TOMB IS EMPTY" (if needed)

All sing

The tomb is empty! Come and see where once the body lay. Can it be true that Jesus Christ is raised to life today?

The tomb is empty! Come and hear these words of life and peace:

"He is not here. He lives again in all your Galilees."

The tomb is empty! Come and touch the stone and folded shroud. Christ lives indeed. Alleluia! Believers, shout aloud!

The tomb is empty! Come and meet the risen Christ our Lord in whom we have our victory, in whom is life restored.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Priest: God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter

sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God Please rise in body or

spirit

All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or

imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and

in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #210 – "Yours Be the Glory,..." Please remain standing & sing

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave—clothes where your body lay.

## Refrain:

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord is living; death has lost its sting! *Refrain*:

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life: what is life without you? Aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through your deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *Refrain*:

#### **Dismissal**

Priest: Go with joy to proclaim the Lord is Risen! Alleluia, alleluia!!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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