

# Holy Eucharist,

Eucharistic Prayer A

## Opening Hymn *The People Stand*

### Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today

*Words: Latin hymn, 14th century (trans. Lyra Davidica, 1708); Music: Robert Williams, 1817*

Jesus Christ is ris'n 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!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Opening Sentences

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE *The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
PEOPLE ***The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***  
CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
PEOPLE ***The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***

## Song of Worship

### Rising Sun

*Leslie Jordan and David Leonard*

Praise him all you sinners  
Sing, oh sing you weary  
Oh, praise him all you children of God

We lift high his glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer, Glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning, you shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise his Name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh, praise him as the children of God

Hallelujah! Name above all, simply to speak your Name is praise  
Hallelujah! Now and always, forever we lift your Name in praise  
Hallelujah! Our God you reign, simply to speak your Name is praise

## The Collect of the Day *The People Stand*

LEADER The Lord is here.

PEOPLE *And his Spirit is with us.*

LEADER Let us pray.

ALL *Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Welcome / Children's Dismissal

### Let the Flame Burn Brighter

Let the flame burn brighter  
In the heart of the darkness  
Turning night to glorious day  
Let the song grow louder  
As our love grows stronger  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## First Reading *The People Sit*

*Exodus 14:10–14, 21–31 (NIV)*

<sup>14:10</sup> As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

<sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you

will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” ...

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

<sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” <sup>27</sup> Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

<sup>29</sup> But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup> That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. <sup>31</sup> And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

LECTOR            The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE            *Thanks be to God.*

LECTOR            Let us pray **Psalm 118** responsively by half verse.

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
*and he has become my salvation.*
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
*in the tents of the righteous:*
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
*the right hand of the LORD is exalted!*  
*the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”*
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
*and declare the works of the LORD.*
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
*has become the chief cornerstone.*
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
*and it is marvelous in our eyes.*
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
*we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

ALL                *Glory 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.*

## Second Reading *The People Sit*

*Acts 10:34–43 (NIV)*

<sup>10:34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God

raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.  
<sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

LECTOR           The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE           *Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel Song

### All Things Rise (bridge)

*Words & music by Sam Yoder, 2015*

Just as you promised, God, your Son was raised up.  
In him we'll follow; in him we'll all be raised up

## The Gospel

*Matthew 28:1–10*

DEACON       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                  according to St. Matthew.

PEOPLE       *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

<sup>28:1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

DEACON    The Gospel of the Lord  
PEOPLE    *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

### All Things Rise (bridge)

Just as you promised, God, your Son was raised up.  
In him we'll follow; in him we'll all be raised up

The Sermon                      *The People Sit*

The Peace    *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
PEOPLE        *And also with you.*

*The people sit.*

Announcements

## PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

*Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

*O God, you have so blessed the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your children, that their lives together may continue to reflect your love and forgiveness and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

CELEBRANT      Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offering & Congregational Song

### Easter Greeting

*Words: Ancient Greek hymn, translated by Phipps Onslow; Music: Michelle Raybourn & Mikey Rogers (2025)*

Faithful women sought him weeping, Weeping at the break of dawn,  
Sought their Lord where he lay sleeping, In the love of hearts forlorn.  
Life for death that wondrous morning, Joy for sorrow, faith for fear,  
For their tears the Angel's greeting: Christ is risen! He is not here.

Loved Apostles, scarce believing In His triumph o'er the grave,  
Hear the tale amid their grieving, Hasten eager to the Cave;  
Find the folded grave-clothes lying, Death's unloosed and shattered chain,  
Find him gone, death's power defying, From the tomb thus sealed in vain.

*Christ is risen! risen, sister!*  
*Brother, Christ is risen indeed!*

Mary comes, a refuge seeking For her mourning and her pain  
Lo! a well-known voice is speaking; Lo! the Master calls her name  
For her grief, a glad reunion: Living Teacher, dear reward  
For her tears the glorious mission To announce the Risen Lord

For her tears, a glad reversing Of the tragedy of old  
Glorious tidings now rehearsing For the tale in Eden told  
Woman's voice, that tale supplying, Brought in death by Satan's lie  
Woman's voice is now replying: Christ is risen! We shall not die!

From the city now departing: Brethren walking side by side;  
On their journey, sad recalling How He loved, and how he died.  
He is with them! He is hearing How their trust and hope had fled,  
To their feeble faith appearing In the breaking of the Bread.

Saints, your Cross in patience bearing, Mourners stained with many tears,  
Sinners tempted to despairing: Every one is welcome here!  
Christ is risen! bring your sadness, Come and join the joyous throng;  
Faithful hearts will find their gladness Joining in the Easter song.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Holy Communion**, Prayer A    *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT    The Lord is here.

PEOPLE        *And his Spirit is with us.*

CELEBRANT    Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE        *We lift them up to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE        *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

[say]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The People Kneel or Stand*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the

whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

[sing]

Our Father ***Our Father***  
Who art in heaven ***Who art in heaven***  
Hallowed be thy Name ***Hallowed be thy Name,***  
Thy kingdom come ***Thy kingdom come***  
Thy will be done ***Thy will be done***  
On earth as it is in heaven ***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 *And lead us not*  
Into temptation *Into temptation*  
But deliver us from evil *But deliver us from evil*  
For thine *For thine*  
Is the kingdom *Is the kingdom*  
And the power and the glory *And the power and the glory*  
Forever and ever, Amen. Amen *Amen* Amen *Amen* Amen *Amen*

## The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

CELEBRANT The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Music

### We Do Not Presume

*Music by Andy Piercy & David Clifton*

We do not presume to come to your table  
Trusting in our own righteousness  
For we are not worthy so much as to gather  
The crumbs from under your table

But trusting, O Lord, in your great and manifold mercies  
For you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy  
So cleanse us and feed us with the body and blood of your Son  
That we may live in him and that he may live in us  
For ever and ever. Amen.

### Living Hope

*Phil Wickham*

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, yours is the victory

## **Christ Is Risen**

*Words & music by Mia Fieldes and Matt Maher, 2009*

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to him who showed great love

And bled for us  
Freely you've bled for us

*Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave*

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold you down  
In strength you reign  
Forever let your Church proclaim

O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hell, where is your victory?  
O Church, come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hell, where is your victory?  
O Church, come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead  
He's alive! He's alive!

### **O Praise the Name**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears

They laid him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise his name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing your praise  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of Heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## Prayer for Mission

ALL

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and mission, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Blessing

CELEBRANT

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

# Procession into the World *The People Stand*

## **Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven**

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; Music: Rowland Pritchard, 1830*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life, and life immortal, on the holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise;  
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;  
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

## The Dismissal

DEACON            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
                         Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PEOPLE            *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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