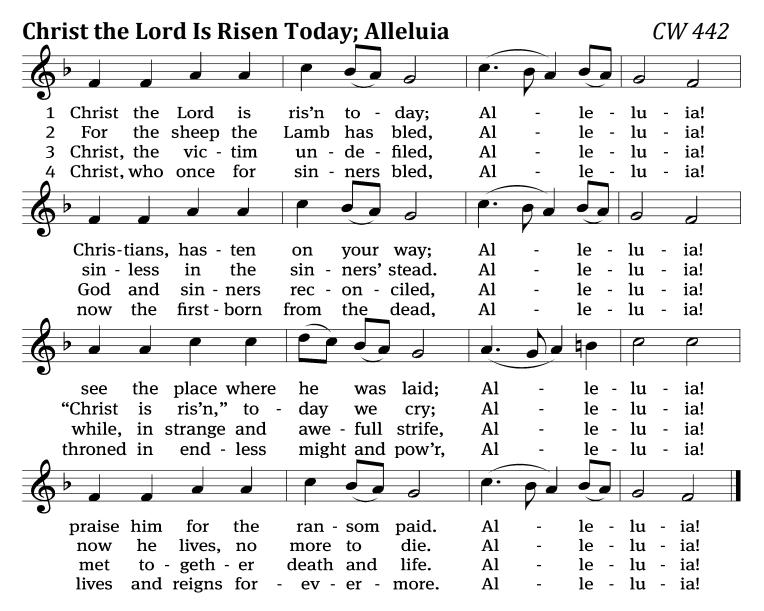




Matthew 28:6



Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Easter Dialogue

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

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

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

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

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

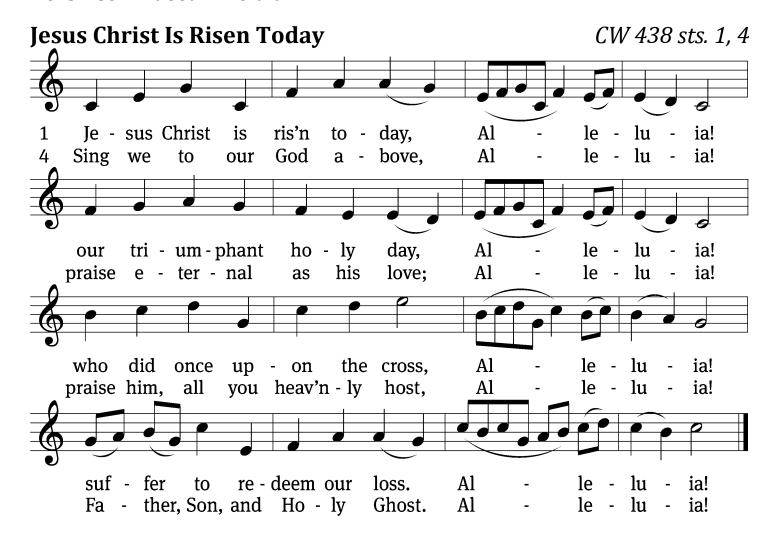
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading Jonah 2:2:

Jesus compared himself to only one Old Testament prophet, the one who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.

²He said:

"In my distress I called to the LORD,

and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,

and you listened to my cry.

³You hurled me into the depths,

into the very heart of the seas,

and the currents swirled about me;

all your waves and breakers

swept over me.

⁴I said, 'I have been banished

from your sight;

yet I will look again

toward your holy temple.'

⁵The engulfing waters threatened me,

the deep surrounded me;

seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down;

the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, LORD my God,

brought my life up from the pit.

⁷"When my life was ebbing away,

I remembered you, LORD,

and my prayer rose to you,

to your holy temple.

8"Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them.

⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118

Soloist: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

All: Refrain



Soloist: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

All: Refrain

Soloist: "The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

All: Refrain

Soloist: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

All: Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

For God to take us from death to life, Jesus needed to be resurrected. Anything else would mean our faith was in vain.

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on

the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sung by St. Paul's Adult Choir

Beauty of the Cross

O, the beauty of the rugged cross drenched in mercy's ever-cleansing blood. There, my sins, forever swept away in the torrent of that crimson flood.

Refrain: O wondrous love that called me out by name, the One who made it all died to make a way. And every earthly gain I will count as loss; I am redeemed, that's the beauty of the cross.

O the healing of the rugged cross flowing down from mercy's violent wounds, every bruise and every sacred scar, laid on him so I could be made new. *Refrain*

O, the power of the rugged cross where he crushed the vile serpent's head. There my victory broke the curse of sin; three days later crushed the sting of death. *Refrain*

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

The soloist will sing the first line of the refrain. The congregation will join in the second line.



Soloist: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Refrain

Matthew 28:1–10

Gospel

The women go to Jesus' tomb, hearts full of disappointment. A dead Jesus does no one any good. But they would learn from the angel that Jesus had crossed over from death to life.

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

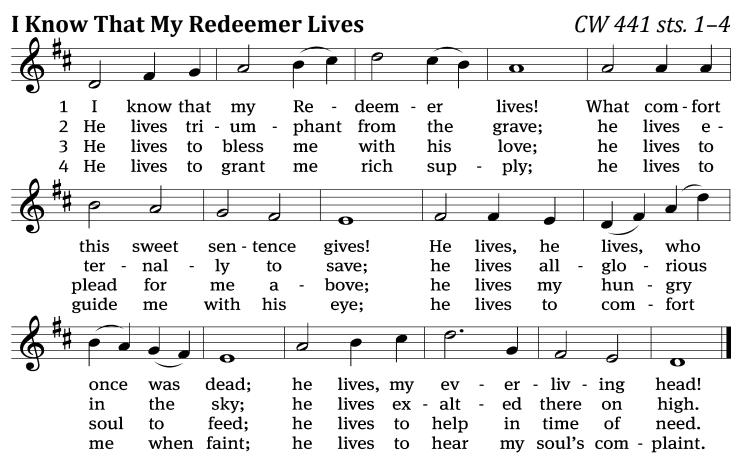
⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



Sermon *Matthew 28*

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Apostles' Creed

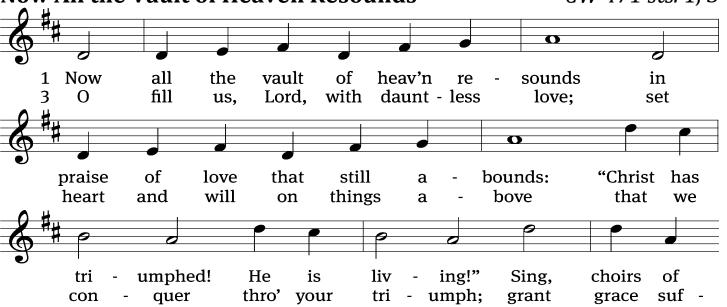
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maker of heaven and earth.

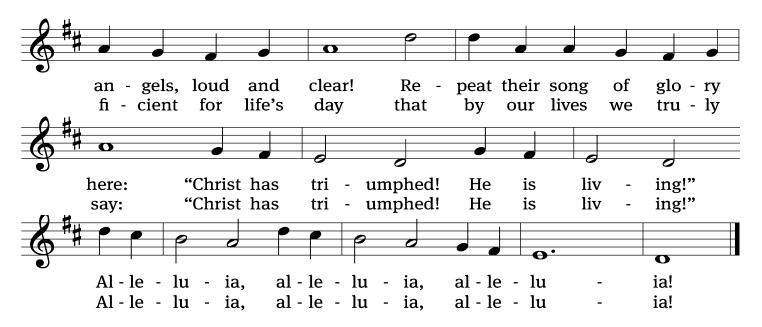
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen!

For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

He is risen indeed!

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

Alleluia!

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

You are risen!

Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

You are risen indeed!

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Alleluia!

Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

He is risen!

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may be offered here.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb. **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Stand

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

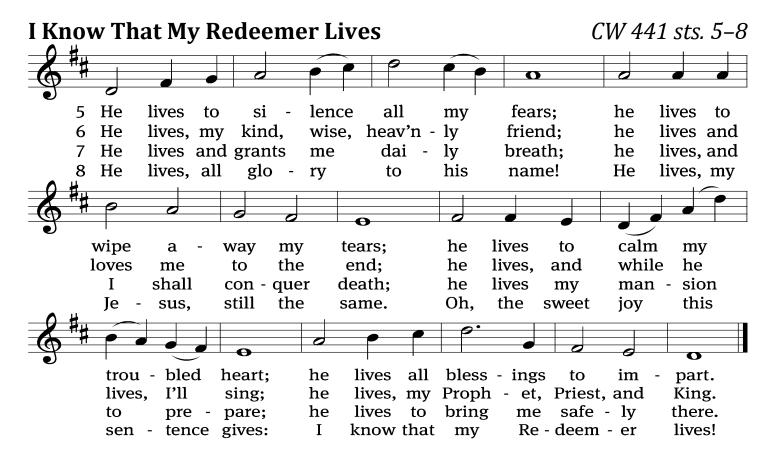
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated



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