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Prelude: "This Joyful Eastertide" ... Jan Bender

*Opening Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" [*LSB* 490 v. 1, 4]

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

*Confession & Absolution [*LSB* 167]

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

C. Amen

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

*Introit:

Ps 133; antiphon: 133:1

P. Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C. when brothers dwell in unity!

P. It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

C. running down on the collar of his robes!

P. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

C. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

ALL

**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.**

***Kyrie:**

P. In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord have mercy.

P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen

***Gloria: "Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship" [LSB 949]**

LITURGICAL MUSIC

949

Heavenly Hosts
in Ceaseless Worship

1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;

"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,

We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

This versification of the Dignus es is drawn from selected hymns of praise in the book of Revelation.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Music: Amanda Husher, b. 1940

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*Welcome & Prayer:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray

ALL

O God,

through the humiliation of Your Son you raised up the fallen world.

Grant to Your faithful people,

rescued from the peril of everlasting death,

perpetual gladness and eternal joys;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Epistle Lesson: **1 Peter 1:17-25**

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For,

"All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of the Lord endures forever."

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Alleluia: **"Christ Is Arisen" [LSB 459]**

Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison

So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia

Were Christ not arisen,

Then death were still our prison. Now, with him to life restored,

We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow" [LSB 476 v. 1, 5]

Who are you who walk in sorrow Down Emmaus' barren road, Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load? Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead; We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.	"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race. Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!
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Sermon

*Offertory: **“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”** [*LSB* 488]

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan’s
arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving. He was dead but now is living!**

Prayers

*Benediction [*LSB* 183]

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: **“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”** [*LSB* 480 v. 1, 5]

**He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

Postlude: “In Thee Is Gladness” ... G. Cassler