

**\* EASTER PROCLAMATION**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**\* LITANY: PSALM 150**

**A:** Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;

**C:** praise him in the firmament of his power.

**A:** Praise him for his mighty acts;

**C:** praise him for his excellent greatness.

**A:** Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn;

**C:** praise him with lyre and harp.

**A:** Praise him with timbrel and dance;

**C:** praise him with strings and pipe.

**A:** Praise him with resounding cymbals;

**C:** praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

**A:** Let everything that has breath

**C:** praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

**\* GREETING**

**P:** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray...

**P:** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**P**: This is the word of the Lord.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**P**: This is the word of the Lord.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

**\* GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 28:1-10

**P**: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

**C**: Glory to you, O Lord!

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of 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, and there they will see me."

**[P]:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]:** Praise to you O Christ!

## **SERMON**

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## **THE NICENE CREED**

**[A]:** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed...

**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. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

### **THE PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH**

**P:** Lord, in your mercy

**C:** Hear our prayer

### **THE 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**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** The God of life, who raised Jesus from the bonds of death, who sends for the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and bless you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P:** Rejoicing in the risen Christ, go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.