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Order of Procession

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Prelude
Easter Victory
By Charles Callahan
As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Setting by John A. Behnke

LSB 461

Choir: I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

All: He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

Choir: He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

All: He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

Choir: He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

All: He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!
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.
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.
C Amen.

Sit

First Reading 1 John 5:1–4

L A reading from 1 John, the fifth chapter.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
He Is Arisen! Glorious Word  

Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608.

Hymn

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!

Second Reading

John 15:1–11

A reading from John, the 15th chapter.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
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.
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the evening. O let Your Word, 
2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness. That we keep pure fire and make us bold. To shine Your Word of Your mighty Word, Spurn Satan that 
3 To hope grown dim, To hearts turned cold Speak tongues of saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night. till life is spent. Your holy Word and Sacrament.
4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of saving grace In each dark and loveless place. Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside Or with some man-made thoughts or things, Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through— Your Word alone our heart’s defense, The Church’s glorious confidence.


Sermon

Choral Response

Thee, Lord, Would I Serve

Text by Martin H. Franzmann
Setting by Mark Bender

Thee, Lord, would I serve — yet how can I serve Thee? 
Cleanse my unclean lips — that I may praise Thee. 
Give me eyes unsealed to see Thy purpose. 
Give me strength of heart to love and serve my brothers. 
Let me hear at last “Well done, faithful servant.”
Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships

Stand

Canticle

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, and in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Eternally is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary, For us sinners sacrificed, bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, bend the knee While we own the mystery.
Prayers

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
   O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students
   who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy
   Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness,
   patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit and great zeal in their service.
   Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your church may be built
   and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
   who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

P Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light
   upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed
   apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light
   of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

P Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further
   us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended
   in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal
   salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
   You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Choral Prayer

O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows
lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is
over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20

Benediction

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
   the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip
   you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which
   is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
C Amen.
This Joyful Eastertide

Recessional Hymn

1. This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
2. Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river.
3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season Has sprung to life this morning.

Refrain

Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!

Soli Deo Gloria

Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide

By Jan Bender
In the Lord’s Service

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In the Lord’s Service

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