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1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness.
'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.

2. All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Thee as a mortal.

3. But today amidst Thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That Thy peace which evermore
Passest human knowing.
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness. Amen.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near
with a true heart and confess our sins unto
God, our Father, beseeching Him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions
unto the Lord.

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of
my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Re-
deemer, we poor sinners confess unto
Thee that we are by nature sinful and un-
clean and that we have sinned against
Thee by thought, word, and deed. Where-
fore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite
mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O Most merciful God, who hast given
Thine only begotten Son to die for us,
have mercy upon us and for His sake
grant us remission of all our sins; and
by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true
knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and**

**true obedience to Thy Word, to the end
that by Thy grace we may come to ever-
lasting life; through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
hath had mercy upon us and hath given
His only Son to die for us and for His sake
forgiveth us all our sins. To them that
believe on His name He giveth power to
become the sons of God and hath
promised them His Holy Spirit. He that
believeth and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

INTROIT (PASTOR)

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ,
have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy
upon us.**

**Glory be to God on High: and on earth,
peace, good will toward men. We praise
Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,
for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav-
enly King, God the Father Almighty. O
Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at
the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O
Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most
high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray:

COLLECT is prayed... (Pastor)

C: Amen.

Lesson: Ezekiel 37.1-14

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me,
and carried me out in the spirit of the
LORD, and set me down in the midst of the
valley which was full of bones, 2 And
caused me to pass by them round about:
and, behold, *there were* very many in the
open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. 3
And he said unto me, Son of man, can
these bones live? And I answered, O Lord

GOD, thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto
me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say
unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word
of the LORD. 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD
unto these bones; Behold, I will cause
breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:
6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will
bring up flesh upon you, and cover you
with skin, and put breath in you, and ye
shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD. 7 So I prophesied as I was com-
manded: and as I prophesied, there was a
noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones
came together, bone to his bone. 8 And
when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh
came up upon them, and the skin covered
them above: but *there was* no breath in
them. 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy
unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and
say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Come from the four winds, O breath, and
breathe upon these slain, that they may
live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded
me, and the breath came into them, and
they lived, and stood up upon their feet,
an exceeding great army. 11 Then he said
unto me, Son of man, these bones are the
whole house of Israel: behold, they say,
Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost:
we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore
prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will
open your graves, and cause you to come
up out of your graves, and bring you into
the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know
that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened
your graves, O my people, and brought
you up out of your graves, 14 And shall put
my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I
shall place you in your own land: then
shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken
it, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

EPISTLE: 1 JOHN 5:4-12

4 For whatsoever is born of God over-
cometh the world: and this is the victory
that overcometh the world, even our faith.
5 Who is he that overcometh the world,
but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son
of God? 6 This is he that came by water
and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water
only, but by water and blood. And it is the
Spirit that beareth witness, because the
Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that
bear record in heaven, the Father, the
Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three
are one. 8 And there are three that bear
witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water,
and the blood: and these three agree in
one. 9 If we receive the witness of men,
the witness of God is greater: for this is the
witness of God which he hath testified of
his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of
God hath the witness in himself: he that

believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven: and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. Hallelujah.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED...

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. 30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are writ-

ten, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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1. Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting:
Alleluia!

2. On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek:
Alleluia!

3. An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee":
Alleluia!

4. That night the Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here":
Alleluia!

5. When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,
He doubted if it were the Lord:
Alleluia!

6. "Thomas, behold My side," saith He,
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;
"And doubt not, but believe in Me":
Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried:
Alleluia!

8. Blessed are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign:
Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise:
Alleluia!

10. And we with holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of light:
Alleluia! Amen.

Sermon

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. Cast**

**me not away from Thy presence; and
take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salva-
tion; and uphold me with Thy free spir-
it. Amen.**

General Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.