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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, Prophesy 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, Prophesy  
unto the wind, prophesy, 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  
prophesy 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.