HOLY TRINITY Episcopal Church

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Children's Easter Service April 12, 2020 Love with the heart of Christ, Think with the mind of Christ, Act in the world as the Body of Christ

INTROIT: *Share the Easter Joy* Rehearsed by Altar and Bel Canto Choirs, sung by Louise Kaye

Mark Patterson

HYMN 174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing v1, v4



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LITURGY OF THE WORD Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

SONG OF PRAISE—HYMN 880 God's Paschal Lamb





Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the 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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Romans 6:3-11

Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ when we were baptized? We shared his death in our baptism. So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father. Christ died, and we have been joined with Christ by dying too. So we will also be joined with him by rising from death as he did. We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross. This was so that our sinful selves would have no power over us, and we would not be slaves to sin. Anyone who has died is made free from sin's control.

If we died with Christ, we know that we will also live with him. Christ was raised from death. And we know that he cannot die again. Death has no power over him now. Yes, when Christ died, he died to defeat the power of sin one time—enough for all time. He now has a new life, and his new life is with God. In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive with God through Christ Jesus.

Sequence: Alleluia for Eastertide

Rehearsed by Combined Children's Choirs sung by Kathryn Cauley

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

The day after the Sabbath day was the first day of the week. At dawn on the first day, Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary went to look at the tomb.

At that time there was a strong earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb and rolled the stone away from the entrance. Then he sat on the stone. He was shining as bright as lightning. His clothes were white as snow. ⁴The soldiers guarding the tomb were very frightened of the angel. They shook with fear and then became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, the one who was killed on the cross. But he is not here. He has risen from death as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was. And go quickly and tell his followers. Say to them: 'Jesus has risen from death. He is going into Galilee. He will be there before you. You will see him there." Then the angel said, "Now I have told you."

The women left the tomb quickly. They were afraid, but they were also very happy. They ran to tell Jesus' followers what had happened. Suddenly, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings." The women came up to Jesus, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go on to Galilee. They will see me there."

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for our Holy Trinity family: for young and old, priest and parishioners.

We pray for the whole church throughout the world: for all the lay people, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for our ministry of loving all God's people.

We pray for the world: for peace and reconciliation, and above all for healing and a cure for COVID-19.

We pray for our community: for the willingness to work together for the common good.

We pray for those who are in any need: for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and the frightened.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn.

We give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us life and hope on this Easter Day. Alleluia!

ALLELUIA HYMN SING—see following pages

HYMN170 Jesus Christ is risen today v1,v4



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HYMN 178 Jesus is Lord of all the earth





The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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THE BLESSING

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 you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and for ever more. **AMEN!**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!