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### Opening Hymn #733 (WS)

#### *This Joyful Eastertide*

1 This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow.

***Refrain:***

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now is Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
But now is Christ arisen.

2 Death's flood has lost its chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver. ***[Refrain]***

3 My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number. ***[Refrain]***

## Invocation

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Confession & Absolution

*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 sins.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Introit

**P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,**

**C: and all your saints shall bless you!**

**P: One generation shall commend your works to another,**

**C: and shall declare your mighty acts.**

**P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,**

**C: and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

**P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,**

**C: and I will declare your greatness.**

**P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness**

**C: and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

P: The LORD is good to all,

**C: and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**C: and all your saints shall bless you!**

### **Gloria Patri**

**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.**

### **The Kyrie**

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

### **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C ♪: And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The First Reading – Acts 9:1-22**

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to

Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made

havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

## Psalm 30

### ***Antiphon –***

*You turned my wailing into dancing; I will give You thanks forever.*

I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted | me up\*

**And have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried | out to You,\*

**And You have | healed me.**

O Lord, You have brought my soul up | from the grave;\*

**You have kept me alive, that I should not go down | to the pit.**

### ***Antiphon –***

*You turned my wailing into dancing; I will give You thanks forever.*

Sing praise to the Lord, You | saints of His,\*

**And give thanks at the remembrance of His | holy name.**

For His anger is but for a | moment,\*

**His favor | is for life;**

Weeping may endure | for a night,\*

**But joy comes in the | morning.**

**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.**

### ***Antiphon –***

*You turned my wailing into dancing; I will give You thanks forever.*

## **The Gradual**

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C: he has put all things under his feet. Hallelujah!**

## **The Triple Hallelujah**

### **The Second Reading – Revelation 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

### **The Gospel Reading – John 21:1-19**

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were

together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you

used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”<sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

## **Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

***P & C:* I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day #735**

#### ***Long Before the World is Waking***

1 Long before the world is waking,  
Morning mist on Galilee,



From the shore, as dawn is breaking,  
Jesus calls across the sea;  
Hails the boat of weary men,  
Bids them cast their net again.

2 So they cast, and all their heaving  
Cannot haul their catch aboard;  
John in wonder turns, perceiving,  
Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"  
Peter waits for nothing more,  
Plunges in to swim ashore.

3 Charcoal embers brightly burning,  
Bread and fish upon them laid:  
Jesus stands at day's returning  
In His risen life arrayed;  
As of old His friends to greet,  
"Here is breakfast; come and eat."

4 Christ is risen! Grief and sighing,  
Sins and sorrows, fall behind;  
Fear and failure, doubt, denying,  
Full and free forgiveness find.  
All the soul's dark night is past,  
Morning breaks in joy at last.

5 Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us,  
Feeds and comforts, pardons still;  
As His faithful friends He greets us,  
Partners of His work and will.  
All our days, on ev'ry shore,  
Christ is ours for evermore!

**Sermon Text – Acts 9:1-22**

**Sermon**

*Christ appears in power and majesty to strengthen faith*

### **Offertory**

**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 salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Lord of life, we are sustained by the spiritual food You alone provide, and our lives depend on Your powerful Word. As You have gathered us here around the proclamation of Your Gospel, make us worthy to receive the bounty prepared for us in Your Son's death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have raised Your Son from the dead to the praises of all angels and saints. Give strength to our hearts and voices, that we, with them, would meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and speak of the might of Your awesome deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Ever-living God, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all missionaries who suffer for Your Gospel, and continue to confound Your enemies with Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, one generation of Your saints commends Your works to another. As we have received Your glorious Gospel,

grant all fathers and mothers among us strong and joyful faith to declare Your mighty acts to the generation to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord enthroned in heaven, You have ordered all the nations of the earth and have set Your Church among them to shepherd them unto eternal life. Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, and grant them faithful and peaceful reign. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Compassionate Lord, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials, and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, [*especially Jean DeGier,*] that they would know the fullness of Your love.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Eternal Lord, You have prepared a feast again for us on this morning of Your Son's resurrection. Help us to rejoice greatly in this gift of His body and blood and to receive it to our eternal good, that we, too, would rise at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn #751**  
***God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It***

1. God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity.
2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
3. Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

## The Communion Liturgy

*P: The Lord be with you:*

**C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.**

*P: Lift up your hearts:*

**C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:*

**C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:*

**C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*P: 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;*

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Institution

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!*

**C ♪: Amen.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

### **The Distribution**

**C ♪: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,  
According to Thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles**

**And the Glory of Thy people Israel.**

**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.**

*P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:*

**C ♪: And His mercy endureth forever.**

*P: ...who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

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

**C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #659**  
***Feed Thy Children God Most Holy***

1. Feed Thy children, God most holy,  
Comfort sinners poor and lowly;  
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,  
Bless the food Thou here hast given!  
As these gifts the body nourish,  
May our souls in graces flourish  
Till with saints in heavenly splendor  
At Thy feast due thanks we render.

**Silent Prayer**

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