Order of the Holy Communion Easter 2021

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1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!

3. But the pains which He endured Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured.
Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King,
Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son. and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! 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.

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 sorry 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.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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, heavenly 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: JOB 19:23-27

23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! 24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! 25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

EPISTLE: ACTS 13:26-39

26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. 27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. 28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. 29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. 30 But God raised him from the dead: 31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. 32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, 33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it

is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. 34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. 35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: 37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. 38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

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This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Hallelujah.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL is announced... C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. 8 And they remembered his words, 9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. 12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord: C. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

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1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,

For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

- 2. It was a strange and dreadful strife When Life and Death contended; The victory remained with Life, The reign of Death was ended; Holy Scripture plainly saith That Death is swallowed up by Death, His sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!
- 3. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us; He died on the accursed tree-So strong His love!-to save us. See, His blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, Death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!
- 4. So let us keep the festival Whereto the Lord invites us; Christ is himself the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us. By His grace He doth impart Eternal sunshine to the heart; The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!
- 5. Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
 The Word of Grace hath purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed,
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other.
 Hallelujah! 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 salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

General Prayer

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- 1. Where wilt Thou go since night draws near.
- O Jesus Christ, Thou Pilgrim dear? Lord, make me happy, be my Guest, And in my heart, oh, deign to rest.
- 2. Grant my request, O dearest Friend, For truly I the best intend; Thou knowest that Thou ever art A welcome Guest unto my heart.
- 3. The day is now far spent and gone, The shades of night come quickly on; Abide with me, Thou heavenly Light, And do not leave me in this night.
- 4. Enlighten me that from the way That leads to heaven I may not stray, That I may never be misled, Though night of sin is round me spread.
- 5. And when I on my death-bed lie, Help me that I in peace may die. Abide! I will not let Thee go. Thou wilt not leave me, Lord, I know. Amen.

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God:

THE PROPER PREFACE (Pastor)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Pastor)

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

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. Amen.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

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: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou has refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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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- 1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
 And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;
 Let shouts of praise and joy outburst

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Alleluia!

- 3. On the third morn He rose again Glorious in majesty to reign; Oh, let us swell the joyful strain! Alleluia!
- 4. He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heaven's high portals fell. Let songs of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee. From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! Amen. Amen.