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Early Easter Day
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Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Liturgy of the Word

*A warm welcome to all this Sunday Morning! Our
worship is guided using the Book of Common Prayer
and Enriching Our Worship.*

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

Prelude: Musical Selection

Welcome Announcement

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The canticle Christ Our Passover is said as indicated below

Presider Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

People **Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, ***
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Presider Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

People **The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

Presider So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

People **Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

Presider For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

People **For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 218

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

BCP 756

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Selection

The people stand as they are able.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews

There will be a period of reflection and silence after the sermon. The people stand as they are able.

The Prayers of the People

Please respond to the bidding "Risen Christ" with "Meet us at the empty tomb."

The Peace

Offertory Sentence

A Prayer Conspicuously Placed in Absence of The Great Thanksgiving during the Great Pandemic

The Presider begins

Let us pray.

Lord, you have taught us to seek you and to find you in the bread and the wine of your table...And so we lament:

All say

**Turn to me and have mercy,
for I am lonely and oppressed.**

**Hear my prayer and my cry;
be not silent at my tears.**

The Presider continues

For surely, Lord, we are not alone... Our flesh is now yours, shaped for these days in which we are living.

Nourished by Christ,

**teach us also to be broken with Christ
and shared with this hungry world.**

Soften our hearts and strengthen our resolve...one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The blessing is in four sections. After each section, when the presider pauses, the people respond, "Amen."

Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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