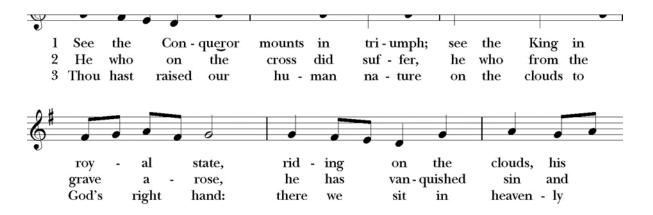
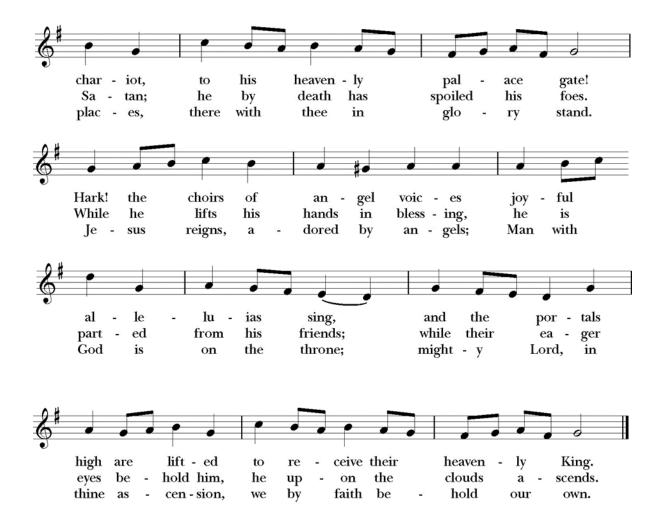


**Opening Hymn/Song** See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph #215





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### **Opening Acclamation:**

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Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

### People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

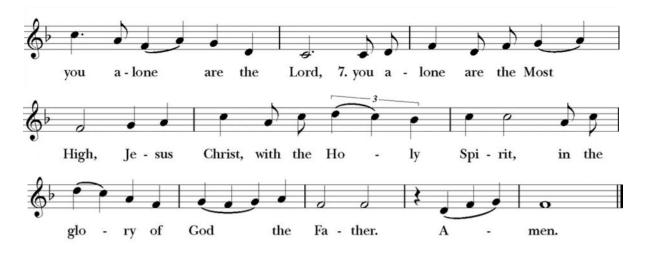
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

**Gloria in Excelsis** #S280

(Words found in BCP p. 356)





#### The Collect of the Day:

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- Presider The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

(BCP p. 224)

People O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## The Lessons

**First Lesson**: A reading from the book of the Acts (1:6-14):

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heav-

en, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heav-en."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

(*Read aloud in unison*)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \* let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \* as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- **3** But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \* let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \* YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \* God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \* but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \* when you marched through the wilderness,

- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \* you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \* in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \* sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \* he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \* his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \* the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Second Lesson: A reading from 1 Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11):

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

# Gospel Lesson: John (17:1-11)

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

### **People:** Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

ReaderThe Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you Lord Christ

# HOMILY

Nicene Creed:

(Said aloud by all, in unison)

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

- He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers of the People: Form III

(BCP p. 387)

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one. People

> Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve vou:

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;* **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Give to the departed eternal rest.* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom**.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world. May God bless and keep them.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's Episcopal-Lutheran, in Williams May God bless and keep them.

We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the tribes of the Apache and Pascua Yaqui that call this part of Arizona their home. May God bless and keep them.

We pray for our own needs and the needs of others (please add your own petitions and prayers either silently or aloud)

Presider And because we are currently fasting from the Lord's Supper, let us also pray for our spiritual Communion:

All My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. Presider As Jesus taught us, we now pray: (Lord's Prayer) BCP p. 364

All: 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

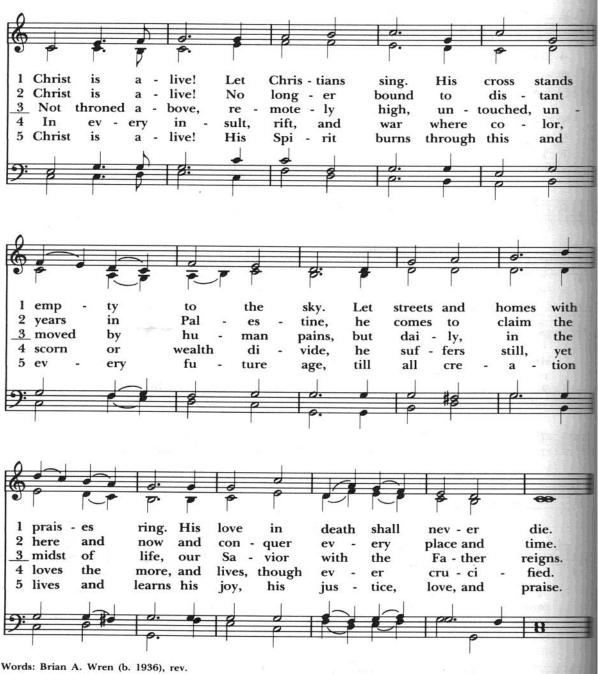
PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

## Blessing

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.

**Closing Hymn/Song** #182 **Christ is Alive Let Christians Sing** 

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Easter

LM

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### Dismissal

Deacon:Let us bless the Lord.Alleluia! Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God.Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)