Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Please mute and sing loudly as Judy Woods plays the piano and leads us in song!

Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever. 2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever." 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation. 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous: 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord. 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death. 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them: I will offer thanks to the Lord. 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter." 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation. 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Deacon bids the prayers

If you wish for others to hear your prayers, unmute your microphone.

Let us prepare ourselves for the day before us, and claim its potential sent by God.

Let us pray.

We bring to God the people of today...

We bring to God our concerns for today...

And let us pray for ourselves...

The Presider concludes, saying

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Check in with warmth in our hearts and in our mugs!

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you O Christ...

Enriching Our Worship, Church Publishing Inc. NY NY 1998; p 64

Closing Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

be among you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Hymn 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

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Dismissal