

***Opening Hymn #203 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

*Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. alleluia!*

*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!*

*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!*

***Offertory Hymn #207 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing***

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side,  
praise we him whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.*

*Mighty Victim from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie.  
death is broken in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light.  
now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthrall!  
Thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints in you shall rise.*

*This, our gift of Easter joy,  
sin alone can now destroy;  
from sin's power, do thou set free,  
souls newborn, O Lord in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
Father unto thee we raise;  
risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.*

**Communion Hymn #204    *Truly, He Comes to Us***

*Truly, he comes to us: darkness is ended;  
now night is over, his light is ascended:  
ultimate sunrise, that floods all creation,  
bringing his secret from death's desolation.*

*Night has made way for the great proclamation,  
morning has broken, with songs of elation;  
Christ comes in light from the depths of his prison,  
death is abandoned, and Jesus is risen.*

*Stripped of the grave-clothes, the body now glorious,  
rises immortal, for ever victorious;  
come to fulfil all the prophets have spoken;  
promise of life that will never be broken.*

*Weeping is over, and death is defeated,  
life is recovered and joy is completed.  
Guards, at the sepulchre, scatter before him;  
Jesus is risen and angels adore him.*

*Highest, most holy, once lost and forsaken:  
now, from the sleep of the dead you awaken;  
angels appear at the tomb with the story:  
"He is not here, but is risen in glory."*

*Give God the glory and glad adoration,  
from whom and through whom and in whom, creation  
looks for the joy which, in Christ, we inherit:  
praising the Father, the Son and the Spirit!*

***Closing Hymn #206 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!*