***Introit (Exodus 15)***

P: I will sing for the Lord, because He has victory and glory!

C: God threw the horse and rider into the sea.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: Now He is my salvation.

P: Lord, Your right hand is glorious power.

C: Lord, Your right hand destroyed the enemy.

P: In Your love, You led the people You saved.

C: Your strength led them to Your holy house.

P: You will bring Your people and put them on Your mountain.

C: Lord, You made that Your home.

P: Lord, Your hands made that holy house.

C: The Lord reigns forever and forever.

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

*There are two prayers. Choose one.*

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Almighty God, You gave Your only Son to die on the cross to save us. When Jesus was raised glorious from the dead, You saved us from the devil’s power. Every day, give us repentance. Then all our sin will drown and be-gone. Then we can rise to live with You, holy and clean forever. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Almighty God the Father, through Your only Son Jesus Christ, You defeated death, and You opened the door to eternal life for us. Today we joyfully celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Let us also rise from death and sin, and let us live through Your Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

*There are two first lessons to choose from, Acts 10 or Jeremiah 31. Choose one.*

*This is your first choice.*

The First Lesson is from Acts chapter 10.

 Then PETER spoke: “Now I truly understand. God doesn’t favor some people more than other people. In every nation, if you honor God and you do correct things, God accepts you. God sent His word to the Jewish people to announce peace in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Lord reigning over all people.

 You know the things that happened in the whole country of the Jews, after John preached and baptized. God gave Jesus the Holy Spirit and power, and Jesus began in GALILEE and traveled around doing good. Happened evil spirits bothered people, Jesus healed them, because God was with Jesus.”

 “We saw everything Jesus did in the Jewish country and in JERUSALEM, and we tell about it. The people crucified Jesus and killed Him. But God raised Jesus on the third day, and Jesus showed Himself to us. Not to everyone, but to those people God chose as witnesses. We ate and drank with Jesus after He arose from the dead. Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and warn them. God says Jesus will judge the living and dead people. All the prophets announce that everyone believing in Jesus will have the forgiveness of sins through His name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*This is your second choice.*

The First Lesson is from Jeremiah chapter 31.

 The Lord announces, “At that time, I will be God for all the families in ISRAEL, and they will be My people.”

 The Lord says this: “The people who lived through the war, they found grace in the desert. Israel looked-for rest, and the Lord came to them from far-away. I loved you with eternal love. That is why I continue faithful to you.

 Virgin ISRAEL, I will build you again! That will happen. You will dress yourself with music and you will dance with people rejoicing. Again you will plant vines on the mountains in Samaria. People will plant and enjoy the fruit.

 A day will happen when the people watching will shout, Get up, go to God’s house, to the Lord our God!”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Second Lesson is from Colossians chapter 3.

 Because God raised you alive with Christ, be-eager for the things in heaven. That is the place Christ reigns. Continue thinking about heavenly things and not about earthly things. You finished died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. Christ is your life. When He comes in glory, then you will also appear with Christ in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 28.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 After the worship day on the first day of the week, early in the morning, MARY MAGDALENE and the other MARY went to see the grave.

 That morning happened an earthquake. An angel of the Lord came from heaven. He moved the large stone from the door, and sat-down on the stone. The angel was bright the same-as lightning, and his clothes were white the same-as snow. The soldiers shook with fear and became the same-as dead men.

 The angel said to the women, “Don’t be-afraid. I know you are looking-for Jesus. He died on the cross. But He is not here. He is risen the same-as He said. Come and see the place He was lying! Go quickly and tell Jesus’ disciples that Jesus arose from the dead. Jesus is going to GALILEE and you will see Him there. Now I told you.”

 The women quickly left the tomb to go tell His disciples. They were full of fear and joy. While they ran to town, Jesus met them and said, “Hello!” The women knelt and touched His feet and worshiped Him.

 Then Jesus said, “Don’t be-afraid. Go, tell My brothers to go to GALILEE. They will see Me there.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.