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## Fifth SUNDAY of EASTER

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### Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

### PRELUDE

### RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME

OPENING HYMN    *LSB 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

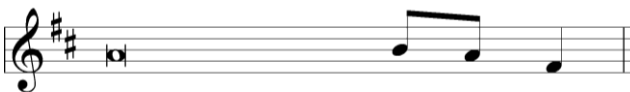
**C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

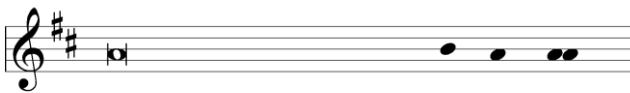
**C: AMEN.**



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PSALMODY** *Venite* O Come, Let Us Sing

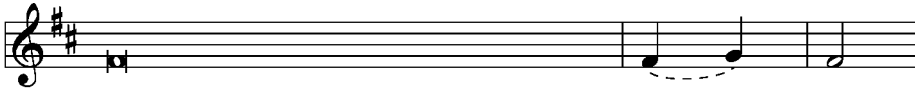
### **Antiphon**



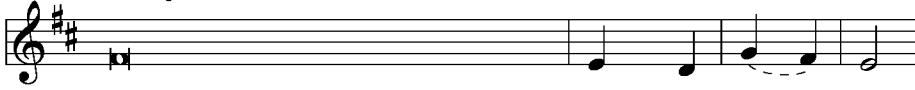
**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



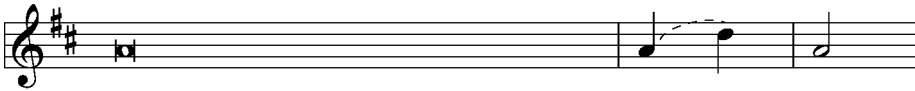
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



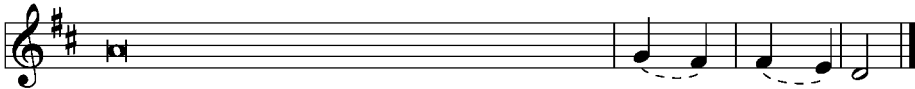
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



- L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Second Psalm** Psalm 150*(Sung responsively by verse)*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctu- | ary; \*  
 praise Him in His mighty | heavens!

**PRAISE HIM FOR HIS | MIGHTY DEEDS; \***

**PRAISE HIM ACCORDING TO HIS EXCELLENT | GREATNESS!**

Praise Him with | trumpet sound; \*  
 praise Him with | lute and harp!

**PRAISE HIM WITH TAMBOU- | RINE AND DANCE; \***

**PRAISE HIM WITH | STRINGS AND PIPE!**

Praise Him with sounding | cymbals; \*  
 praise Him with loud clashing | cymbals!

**LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH | PRAISE THE LORD! \***

**PRAISE | THE LORD!**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON \***

**AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING, \***

**IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.**

**OFFICE HYMN** LSB 876 *O Blessed, Holy Trinity*

**THE GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK****FIRST LESSON**

Acts Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
 and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
 so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does

not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God Whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### GOSPEL VERSE

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

**C: IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM. ALLELUIA.**

### HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Jphn, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

<sup>2</sup>Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**RESPONSORY**

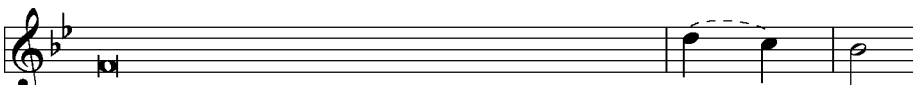
- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.  
 3 Glory be to the  
                     Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



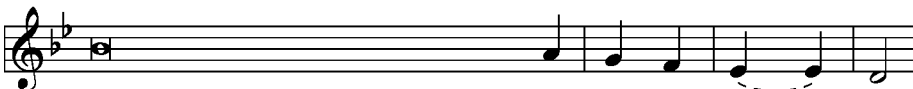
- C** Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



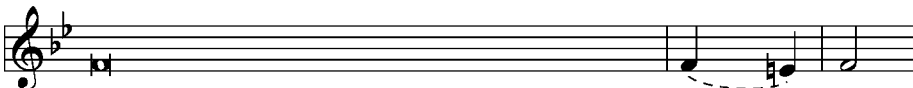
hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *LSB 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate***SERMON****CANTICLE**    **Te Deum**    (*We Praise You, O God*)*LSB p. 223*

- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



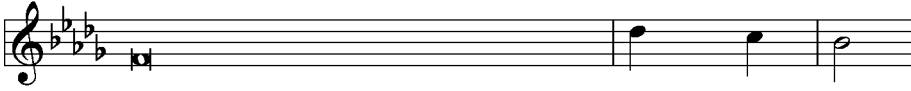
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



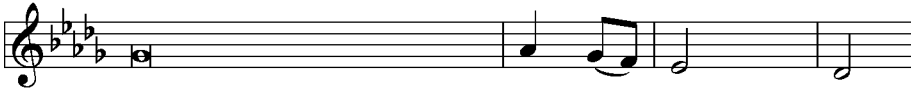
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



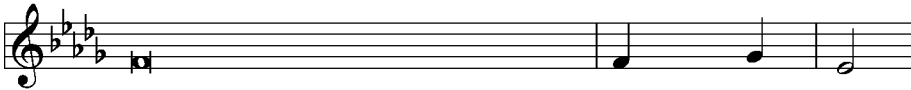
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph - ets praise — You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



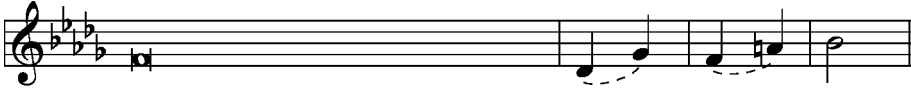
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



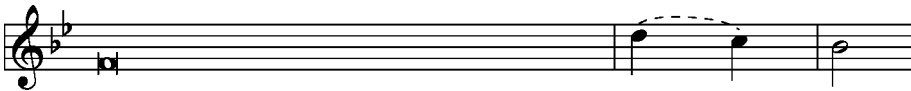
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.

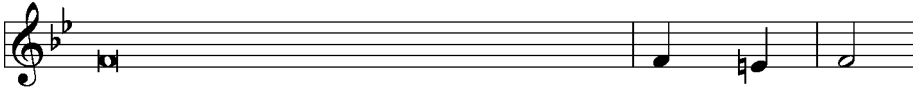


- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out — sin.

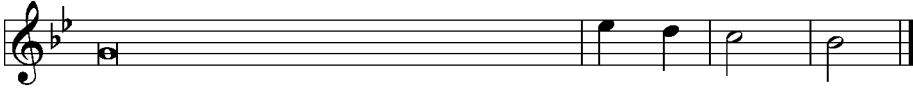


- 7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on — us.





7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

**C:** ***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 FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.***

### Collects



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with your spir - it.

**Collect of the Day**

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Collect for Matins**

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You.

**For Guidance in Our Calling***LSB p. 311*

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**For Responsible Citizenship***LSB p.313*

P: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**Collect for Grace***LSB p.228*

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENEDICAMUS***LSB p. 227***BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN**    *LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

**SILENT PRAYER**

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*



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