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## THIRD 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 482 This Joyful Eastertide*

### 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.

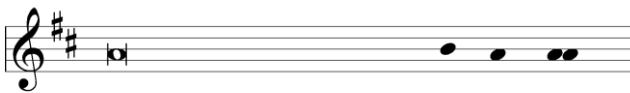
**C: AMEN.**



**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

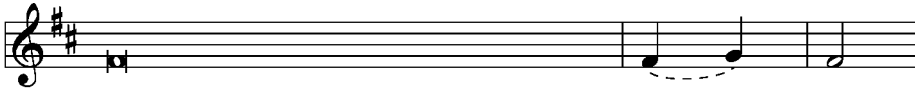
### **Antiphon**



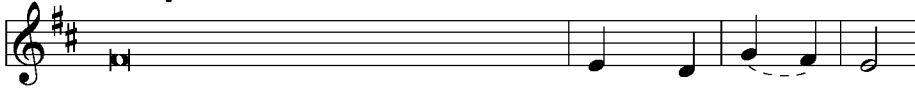
**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



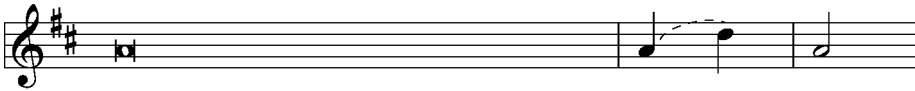
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



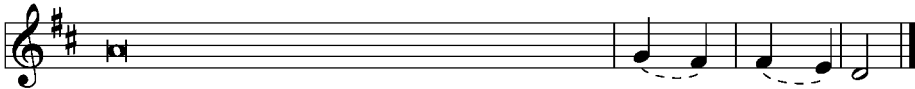
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 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 4*(Sung responsively by verse)*

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\*

Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

**O MEN, HOW LONG SHALL MY HONOR BE TURNED | INTO SHAME?\***

**HOW LONG WILL YOU LOVE VAIN WORDS AND SEEK | AFTER LIES?**

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for Himself;\*

the LORD hears when I | call to Him.

**BE ANGRY, AND | DO NOT SIN;\***

**PONDER IN YOUR OWN HEARTS ON YOUR BEDS, AND BE | SILENT.**

Offer right sacri- | fices,\*

and put your trust | in the LORD.

**THERE ARE MANY WHO SAY, "WHO WILL SHOW | US SOME GOOD?\***

**LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE UPON US, | O LORD!"**

You have put more joy | in my heart\*

than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

**IN PEACE I WILL BOTH LIE | DOWN AND SLEEP;\***

**FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN | SAFETY.**

**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 875 *Father, We Praise Thee*

**THE GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK**

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

<sup>13</sup>"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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: *DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US WHILE HE TALKED TO US ON THE ROAD, WHILE HE OPENED TO US THE SCRIPTURES? ALLELUIA.***

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, "**Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?** <sup>39</sup>**See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.**" <sup>40</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "**Have you anything here to eat?**" <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and He took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, "**These are My Words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**" <sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "**Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,** <sup>47</sup>**and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.** <sup>48</sup>**You are witnesses of these things.** <sup>49</sup>**And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORY**

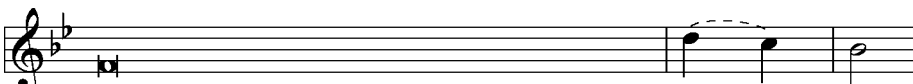
- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.  
 3 Glory be to the  
                     Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



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



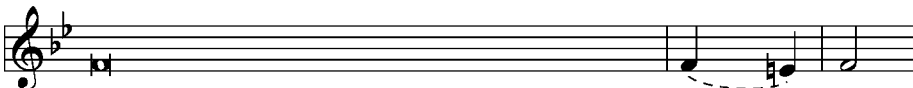
hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *LSB 480 He's Risen, He's Risen***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.



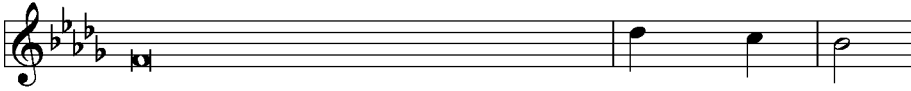
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



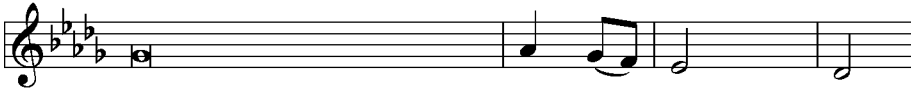
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



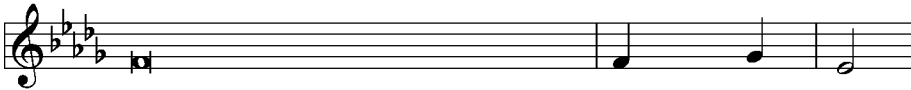
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph - ets praise — You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



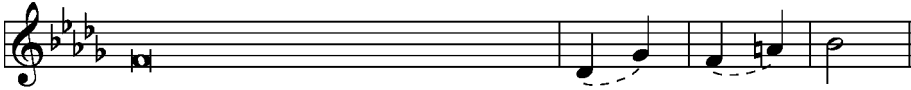
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



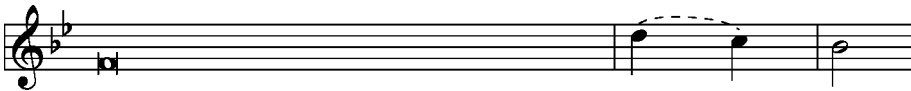
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 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.





**Collect of the Day**

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

**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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