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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion - Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *In light of Christ's eternal victory, we should expect change in our daily living.*

For example, although they were called to be fishers of men, in today's Gospel, the disciples learned that they needed to listen to their Lord even when fishing for fish. Change for Peter would mean moving from regretting his past (where he denied his Lord) to feeding Christ's flock. And for Saul (Paul), Christ's eternal, living presence would mean changing from catching Christians to proclaiming Christ before Gentiles and kings. The heavenly host in the Reading from Revelation sing their eternal songs of praise to the Lamb on the throne. How might our risen Lord's eternal victory over sin and evil change us so that we echo their praises already here in time?

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

by Jeffrey Blersch

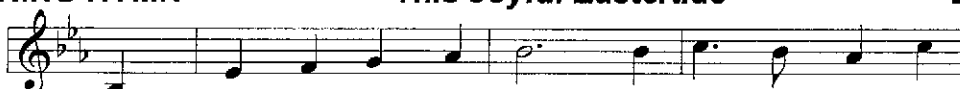
WELCOME

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#OPENING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

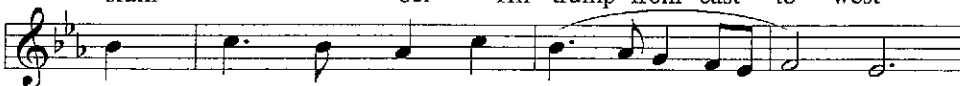
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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,* **C** **who made heaven and earth.**

P *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P *O Almighty God, Merciful Father,*

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10

P *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*

C **and all your saints shall bless you!**

P *One generation shall commend your works to another,*

C **and shall declare your mighty acts.**

P *On the glorious splendor of your majesty,*

C **and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

P *They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,*

C **and I will declare your greatness.**

P *They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness*

C **and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

P *The LORD is good to all,*

C **and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C and all your saints shall bless you!

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

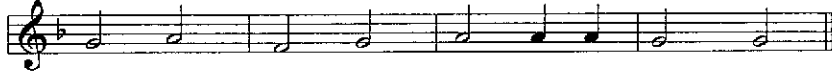


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

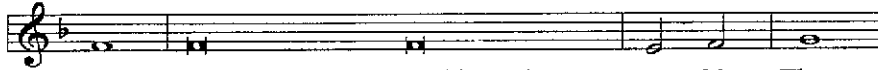


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C: **P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



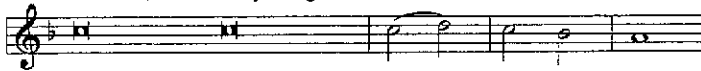
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



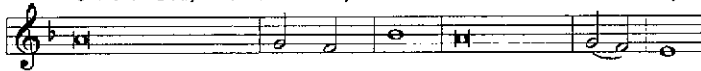
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



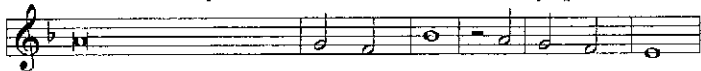
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

G And with thy spir - it.

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 5:8–14

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

G Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–14

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.*

G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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SERMON

"FROM BLINDNESS TO SIGHT"

Acts 9:1-22

- I. Paul's physical blindness symbolized his spiritual blindness in not recognizing Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- II. As God opened Paul to see Jesus in faith as the Messiah, God opens our eyes of faith.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

"Amazing Grace"

by Kevin Sadowski

♩ OFFERTORY

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, for all members of the Body of Christ as we proclaim His resurrection, and for all people in their various needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Guide Your Church, Lord Jesus, as she witnesses to Your victory over sin and death. Direct all who announce the Gospel promise of eternity in Your presence and protect all the newly-baptized as they grow in understanding Your love. Use all agencies of health and welfare, as well as the governments of the nations, so that peace and prosperity may be realized for all people. Grant insight into the world around us through ongoing scientific research so that we may more fully enjoy Your good creation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Grant favorable weather, Lord our God, that crops produce bounty and famine be lessened. Remove the shackles of people suffering from injustice and oppression. Surround them with caring instruments of Your love. Accompany first responders at home and armed forces deployed that peace and harmony may break out in all levels of human society. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** O Holy Spirit, be among us here in this place and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. In Your mercy, give us strength and opportunity to grow in love toward one another and in service to our communities. We pray for those near and dear to us, [especially . . .]. Grant them health, healing, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. **C** Amen.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



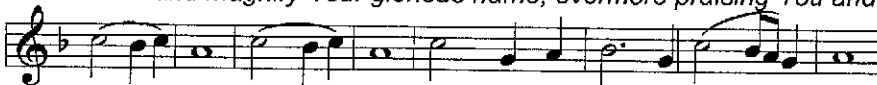
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fulness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



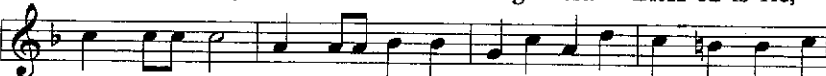
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



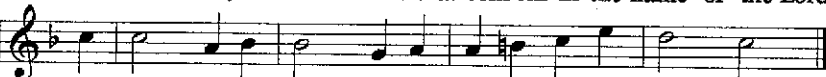
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



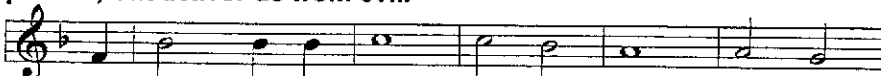
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

LSB 774



Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners



poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the



food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,



May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in



heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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"Come, Follow Me," The Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me." the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

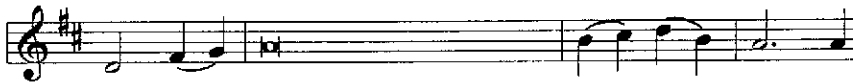


e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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¶ NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon



¶ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



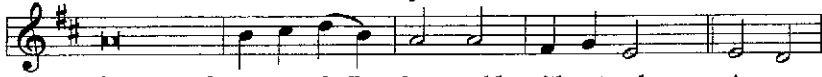
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

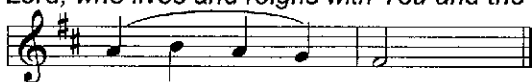
POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

¶ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



¶ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P *Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*



A - men.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

P *The Lord be with you.*



A And with thy spir - it.

P *Bless we the Lord.*

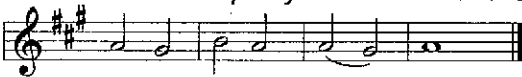


A Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26



A A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Triumphant Finale”

by Thomas Bliss

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 Communion Assistant..... Dave Adam
 Counters..... Mike Gilbert & Brian Albee
 Greeter Marisa Showalter
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Brian Albee
 Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Tim Cueva, Cameron Hatton, Devin Monasmith

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