

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
+ PREPARATION +**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & MINISTRY MOMENT

HYMN

“This Joyful Eastertide” LSB 482

1. This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

2. Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

3. My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: This day we continue to remember that great joy of the Resurrection, that God truly raises Christ to life and in doing so promises us life and restoration and forgiveness of sins. And yet, we still remain in our trespasses and so we go to our gracious risen Lord and seek out His forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, we confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our entire being, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Alone we remain without hope, health, or help. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace equip you with everything good that you may do His will. 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.

People: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF MATINS +

MATINS

LSB 219

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

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

C: **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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

PSALMDOY

LSB 220

L: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

VENITE

O Come, Let Us Sing Service of Matins LSB 220-221

1. **O come, let us sing to the Lord,
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise**
2. **For the Lord is a great God
And a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
The strength of the hills is His also.**
3. **The sea is His, for He made it,
And His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**
4. **For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**
5. **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.**

PSALMDOY

L: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, whose beloved Son gives us peace and understanding,

People: **guide our own hearts and minds in the peace that passes all understanding so that we might daily grow closer to You;**

Pastor: **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11:21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 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? 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. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-7

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia. Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

People: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF DAY

"When Peace, like a River" LSB 763

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

4. You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.
5. When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the shapness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
6. You sit at the right hand of God
In the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
To be our judge.
7. We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
Whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
In glory everlasting.
8. *O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.*
9. *Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

OFFERING

SERVICE OF PRAYER

KYRIE

Service of Matins LSB 227

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant to those ordained for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to faithfully fulfill their holy calling where You have placed them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You have instituted authorities to carry out Your justice. Bless all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land. Give them wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to Your good will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

As Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst *[especially*

_____]. Comfort also those who weep [*especially* _____] with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

Service of Matins LSB 228

L: 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.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” *LSB 466*

**Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.**

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show.**

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there."**

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**