

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting One

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the communion meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the two main elements of our Sunday worship-the word of God and a meal.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered 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. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Loving God,

C **we fear, we doubt, we do not trust you; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We pray for your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

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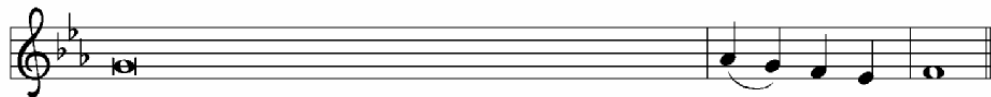
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



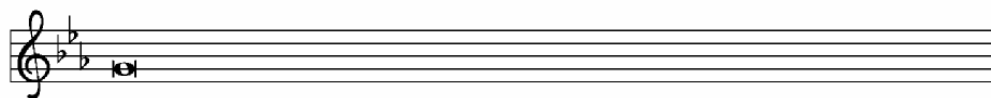
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



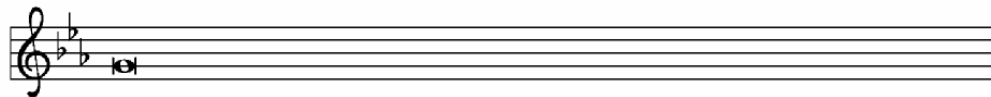
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

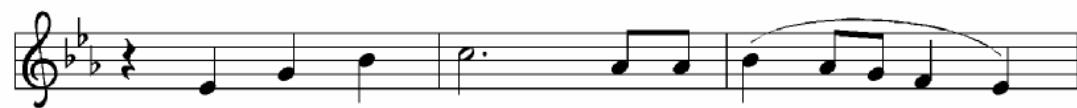


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HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God



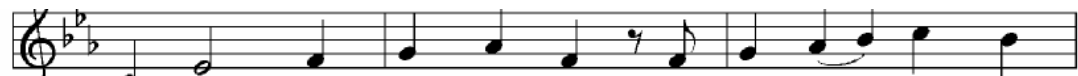
Glo - ry to God in the high -




est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus




Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the




right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

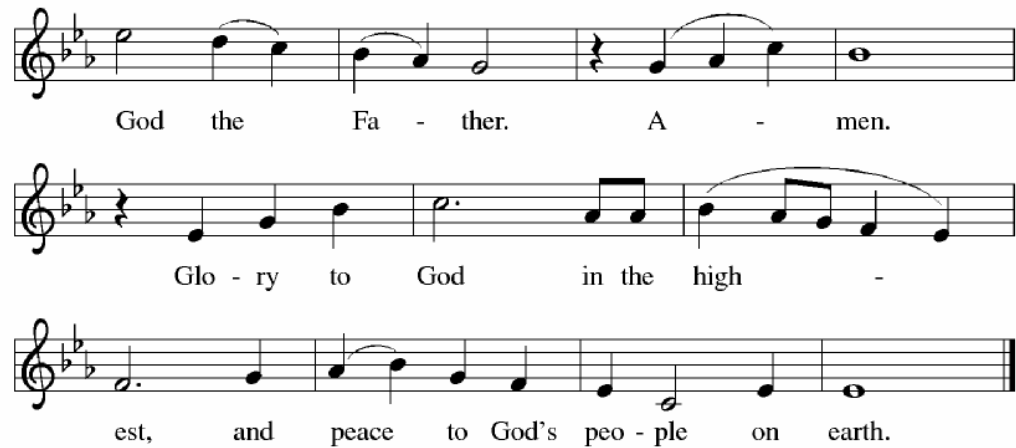


lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of





God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy and righteous God,

C: you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

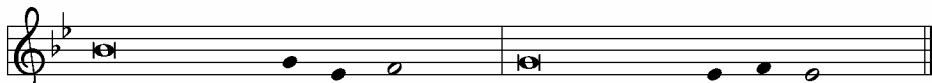
Peter testifies to the Easter faith, proclaiming that Christ's resurrection fulfills the promises of God and brings blessing even to those who killed him.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

PSALM: Psalm 4

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)



Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

² "You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*

how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;*

when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices*

and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*

Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,*

more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;*

for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

The First Letter of John encourages Christians to abide in Christ so that God's love will be found in them. The baptized are children of God in Christ. To be a child of God is to have a mission: to offer God's love in a world of conflict.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces the disciples that he has been raised, and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord
C. Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S TIME
THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

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We believe in one God.

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: Transformed by the life giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

A: Sent forth as witnesses to the resurrection, let us pray for all Christians that together we may boldly proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Sent forth as stewards of creation, let us pray for wise and mindful use of the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Sent forth as peacemakers in a world of conflict, let us pray for all who work for cooperation and reconciliation among nations, communities, and within families. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Sent forth as healers and caretakers, let us pray for capable minds and compassionate hearts in attending to all who are in pain, who suffer, or are afraid. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Sent forth as children of God to teach and guide, let us pray for the youth and education ministries of this congregation. We pray for Dean McGinnis, Diane Bottorff, Julie Reeves, and LaVell Winsor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Sent forth together as a community, let us pray for Christian communities that all those gathered in the name of the Risen Christ will manifest the peace and forgiveness he gives. We pray especially for the ministry of this congregation and of our companions this week: St. Matthew in Butler, Our Savior in Camdenton, Cross of Glory in Derby, and Christ Lutheran in Eureka. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered

A: Sent forth to love and serve, let us give thanks for those who have faithfully carried out Christ's mission, that at the end we may be clothed with them with power from on high. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Create in Me
Offering Song

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 your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Everlasting God,

C: the whole universe sings a new song of praise; the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us. In Jesus' name we boldly pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,

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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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P This is the feast of victory for our God!

THE COMMUNION

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Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”
(verses 1-4, 9)
“Thine the Amen”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: **Amen.**

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Good Shepherd, lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal to bring joy and fulfillment to others. Guide us on paths of justice. Teach us to live for you as servants to one another. Enfold us in your abiding love. We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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