

# The Third Sunday of Easter

## Anno Domini 2023

Confession and Absolution

### Hymn of Invocation

LSB 810

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
  
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,  
And grand in poets' wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,  
It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
  
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.  
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
  
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.  
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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*LSB 184*

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.

P 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,\*

running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!\*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

**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.**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in unity!

## Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P Glory be to God on high:**

**C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

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

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**Epistle**

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake,

<sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:13–35*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he

said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### Nicene Creed

C **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 men 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 worshiped 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

*LSB 483*

- 1 With high delight  
Let us unite  
In songs of great jubilation.  
Ye pure in heart,  
All bear your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free  
Forever, He  
Is ris'n and sends  
To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
  
- 2 True God, He first  
From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy  
Doth vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be  
Like victory  
O'er death and grave,"  
Saith He, who gave  
His life for us, life renewing.
  
- 3 Let praises ring;  
Give thanks, and bring  
To Christ our Lord adoration.  
His honor speed  
By word and deed

To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall His love  
Give us above,  
From misery  
And death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.

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**Sermon.** Text, the Gospel Reading. Theme, The Road to Emmaus.

**Votum**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from  
me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free  
spirit. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering.** This being an online service and if you have set aside an offering, please bring it  
on a following Sunday, donate online or put it in the mail to PO Box 12806, Mill Creek, WA  
98082. Thank you.

**Prayer of the Church.** The Litany

*p288 LSB*

L O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**  
L O Christ,  
C **have mercy.**  
L O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**  
L O Christ,  
C **hear us.**  
L God the Father in heaven,  
C **have mercy.**



L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy.**

L God the Holy Spirit,

C **have mercy.**

L Be gracious to us.

C **Spare us, good Lord.**

L Be gracious to us.

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C **Good Lord, deliver us.**

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L We poor sinners implore You

C **to hear us, O Lord.**

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our [president/queen/king] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** For all that are ill among us, O Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon your servant(s) among us suffering from illness. Assure them of Your mercy, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one, and give them patience and comfort in this time of illness. If it please You, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C we implore You to hear us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

**L** O Christ,

**C hear us.**

**L** O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen.**

## Hymn

*LSB 457*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

D 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

### Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

- P 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 glory forever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

1 Once in the blest baptismal waters  
I put on Christ and made Him mine;  
Now numbered with God's sons and daughters,  
I share His peace and love divine. Refrain

ref O God, for Jesus' sake I pray  
Your peace may bless my dying day.

2 His body and His blood I've taken  
In His blest Supper, feast divine;  
Now I shall never be forsaken,  
For I am His, and He is mine. Refrain

3 And thus I live in God contented  
And die without a thought of fear;  
My soul has to God's plans consented,  
For through His Son my faith is clear. Refrain

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*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

*LSB 199*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

*LSB 199*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth forever.**

## Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.**

## Hymn

LSB 585

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,

Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

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### **Salutation**

*LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

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