

3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE II
APRIL 13, 2021 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH: **P** *“LORD, I Love the Habitation of Your House and the Place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP: **C** *“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

P Christ is Risen !
C He is Risen, Indeed!

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. *[Matthew 28:19b, 18-20]*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

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.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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 I 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.**

ABSOLUTION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN: *“Christ the LORD is Risen Today; Alleluia”*..... [LSB 463]

1.
Christ the LORD is ris’n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim’s feet. Alleluia!

2.
For the Sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!
Christ the LORD is ris’n on High; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3.
**Hail, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

4.
**Christians, on this Holy Day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the LORD is ris'n on High; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

KYRIE ≈ ≈ LORD, Have Mercy [Mark 10:47] [LSB: pg. 168]

P In Peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy

P For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy

P 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.
C LORD, have Mercy

P For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy

P Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend us, Gracious LORD.
C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST [Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9] [LSB: pg. 171]

P This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia.
C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of God. Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His. This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the Feast of Victory for our God, for the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [LSB: pg. 172]

P *Sung:* The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21 [LSB: pg. 172]

“¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. ¹²And 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of Life, Whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the LORD, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom 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.**

GRADUAL

R 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 READING: 1 John 3:1-7

“1See 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. 2Beloved, 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. 3And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. 4Everyone who

makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. 7Little 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.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Please stand) (Page 156)

C Alleluia. LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49 [LSB: pg. 173]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
C Glory to You, O LORD

“36As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you!’ 37But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39See 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.’ 40And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ 42They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, 43and He took it and ate before them. 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ 45Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46and said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47and that Repentance and Forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And 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 our LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Verses 1 - 4..... [LSB 633]

1.
At the Lamb’s High Feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

2.
Praise we Him, Whose love Divine
Gives His Sacred Blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the Feast—
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.
Alleluia!

3.
Where the Paschal Blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

4.
Praise we Christ, Whose Blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Verses 5-8 [LSB 633]

5.
Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us Life and Light.
Alleluia!

6.
Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened Paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7.
Easter Triumph, Easter Joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, LORD, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8.
Father, Who the Crown shall give,
Savior, by Whose death we live,
Spirit, Guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your Name we praise.
Alleluia!

CREEDAL STATEMENT: APOSTLES' CREED [LSB: pg. 175]

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified,
Died,
And was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life Φ Everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [1 Timothy 2:1-4] [LSB: pg. 175]

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY [Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19] [LSB: pg. 176]

C What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His People,
In the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Φ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Φ

PREFACE [LSB: pg. 177]

P The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

PROPER PREFACE (seasonal)

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 in the Mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a New Revelation of Your Glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:.

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ≈ [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9] [LSB: pg. 178]

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of Pow'r and Might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING [LSB: pg. 178]

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth, for You have had Mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the Salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing Sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the Cross. Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O LORD, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His Own Testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom,

C Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 179]

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 Φ 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 Φ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST [LSB: pg. 179]

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26
C Amen. Come, LORD Jesus. Revelation 22:20

P O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Cross and Passion, Your Blessed Death, Your Rest in the tomb, Your Resurrection from the dead, Your Ascension into Heaven, and Your Coming for the final Judgment. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 179]

**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.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.** Matthew 9-13

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* ≈ [LSB: pg. 180]

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* [LSB: pg. 180]

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. *John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*The Strife is O’er*” [LSB 464]

Refrain
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
1.
The strife is o’er, the battle done;
Now is the victor’s triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!

2.
The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed. Let
shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
3.
The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

4.
He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
5.
LORD, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!
Refrain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 2 “*Eat This Bread*” [LSB 638]

Refrain
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

1.
This is His Body given for you; this is His Blood that was shed for you. *Refrain*

2.
As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you show His death until He comes again. *Refrain*

3.
Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. *Refrain*

4.
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. *Refrain*

5.
If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 181]

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ Strengthen and Preserve you in body and soul to life
everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.
C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: [LSB: pg. 181]

C Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seek the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His Name.
He recalls His Promises and leads His people forth in Joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 181]

P 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.

BENEDICTION [LSB: pg. 183]

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face Shine on You and be Gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you Peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Hail Thee, Festival Day” [LSB 489]

Refrain:
Hail thee, Festival Day!
Blest Day to be Hallowed forever;
Day when our LORD was raised,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

1.
All the fair beauty of earth
From the death of the winter arising!
Ev’ry Good Gift of the year
Now with its Master returns: Refrain

2.
Rise from the grave now, O LORD,
The Author of Life and Creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
New Life You give to us all: Refrain

3.
God the Almighty, the LORD,
The Ruler of earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without;
Cleanse us from evil within: Refrain

4.
Jesus, the Health of the world,
Creator of all and Redeemer,
Son of the Father Supreme,
Only-begotten of God: Refrain

5.
Spirit of Life and of Pow’r,
Now flow in us, Fount of our Being,
Light that Enlightens us all,
Life that in all may abide: Refrain

6.
Praise to the Giver of Good!
O Lover and Author of Concord,
Pour out Your balm on our days;
Order our ways in Your Peace: Refrain

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD: LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)