

EASTER 3

April 18, 2021



Luke 24:42-43 "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR EASTER 3

Adapted from *The Lutheran Hymnal*

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 188 (TLH)

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

THE INVOCATION

(We declare that the triune God is the God we worship.)

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 **C Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(We confess our sins and hear God's announcement of forgiveness.)

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us come near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking 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.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to 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.

PC O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on 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.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on 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. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

 **C Amen.**

INTROIT † GLORIA PATRI † KYRIE

(We enter the next part of the service with a Bible verse, we glorify the Father, and pray for earthly needs.)

P (Ps 33) The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

 **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, forevermore. Amen.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(We sing a hymn of glory to God.)

TLH 191:1, 6 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

 **C Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!
Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**Hail, eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou King of victory! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!
Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A prayer that collects and reflects the themes of the day.)

THE LESSONS

(We hear Bible readings that support the thoughts of the season.)

1 John 1:1-2:^{NIV84} *God is light, so His children are to walk in the light.* | That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched— this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have

fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. ²¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Luke 24:36-49^{NIV84} *Jesus proves that He is physically risen from the dead. |* While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

PSALM FOR THE SEASON

(see back cover)

Psalm 118
I Will Praise You

CONFESSION OF FAITH

(We respond to the lessons by reciting what we believe.)

Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of

saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 203 (TLH)

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb

THE SERMON

(We learn from God's word.)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives "He Lives Eternally to Save"

Romans 4:25^{NIV84} He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

(In the last portion of the service we pray and give thanks to God.)

P And the peace of God which is a greater peace than any our own minds can give to us shall guard your hearts in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

 **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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 187 (TLH)

Christ is Arisen

CLOSING PRAYER

The Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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

(The Lord sends us home with His blessing.)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

 **C Amen, Amen, Amen.**

HYMN 51 (TLH)

Now May He Who from the Dead

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions, April 19-24, 2021
by Prof. Paul Koch (retired)

Mon Acts 4:5-12 In slouched the jackals and hyenas, wary of an ambush (5-7); God doesn't ambush but helps the helpless get on their feet (8-9). The word on the street: "Jesus has done the miracle of healing the lame man, Jesus is none other than heaven's provider of salvation, and you have put yourselves in mortal jeopardy by rejecting and murdering Him. Jesus alone provides access to the throne of grace, so you need to reset your compass!" Note: Every word is important, so that's how we read God's Word.

Tues Luke 24:36-49 The last time the disciples had laid eyes on Jesus, He was a bloody corpse (so it's understandable that they were spooked), but after He calmed them down (36-38), He provided impressive proof that He was their old Friend, alive and well – and hungry (39-43). What did it all mean? Jesus explained that since He had fulfilled His mission on Earth, His disciples were prepared to share His victory with their friends, relatives, etc., (47-49).

Wed 1 John 1:1-2:2 Jesus used John's ears, eyes, hands, and heart to get him prepared to publicize all that Jesus had entrusted to him: the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth (1:1-5). That starts, of course, with the truth about our unholy selves (8), which God counters with the truth about holy Jesus, the divine solution for humanity's sins (2:1-2).

Thurs Psalm 118 We join the psalmist's hour of worship (1-4), confident that the Lord can handle all humanity (5-14) and our own limitations (15-18). We share his Christian confession (19-20), recognizing Jesus in vv. 22-24, and close with our prayer and praises. *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!*

Fri Matthew 28:11-15 Some of those soldiers who had been floored by the angel (v.4) stumbled into town to report *all the things that had happened* in the early morning out at the cemetery. They knew the truth, but the ruling Sanhedrin bribed them to bear false witness against the disciples and against the Easter angel, too. Doing so put the soldiers into jeopardy, of course, but the Sanhedrin had money to solve that problem. How tragic that people will believe human lies rather than God's Truth about Easter (15)!

Sat Acts 23:11-35 It seems that Paul needed some cheering up (11), so Jesus obliged just as things were turning nasty. Paul, God's messenger of the Truth, had enemies so rabid that they vowed to kill him before breakfast. Of course, it boomeranged, for Jesus had other plans (12-22). In the protection of federal troops, Paul was ushered out of danger via a two-day trip to the Roman provincial capital, where he was kept safe for a fair trial. [We are left wondering how many Jews broke their oath rather than starve.]

I WILL PRAISE YOU

Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
 joice and be glad! This is the day the
 Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!

Psalm Tone

I will praise You, for You have answered me,*
 And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected
 Has become the chief cornerstone.*
 This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Antiphon

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light;*

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;*

You are my God, I will exalt You.

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.

Antiphon