

Office of Vespers
with the
Distribution
of
Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignments
Diaconal Calls
and
Calls into the Holy Ministry
in
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

The Third Week of Easter
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Processional Hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* (LSB 498; LW 158)

1. *All*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

2. *Choir*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
Ignite them with celestial fire;
Spirit of God, You have the art
Your gifts, the sev'nfold, to impart.

3. *All*

To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.

4. *Women*

Your blest outpouring from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Illumine with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

5. *Choir*

In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.

6. *All*

Anoint and cheer our much-soiled face
With the abundance of Your grace.
Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where You guide us, no ill can come.

7. *Choir*

Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

8. *Men*

Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.

9. *All*

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

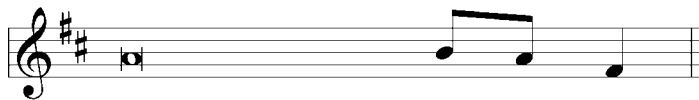
10. *All*

Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

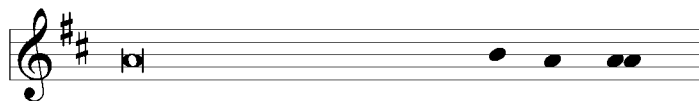
Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



Samuel anoints David.

Psalmody *Psalm 116:1-14*

Antiphon: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.



I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;***
I suffered distress and | anguish.
Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”
Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.
The LORD preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.

Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.
For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;

I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.
I believed, even | when I spoke,*
“I am greatly af- | flicted”;

I said in | my alarm,*
“All mankind are | liars.”
What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD,
I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, ***
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon

First Reading *1 Peter 5:1–11*

After the reading:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Response *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word (LSB 488)*

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.

O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!



Second Reading *Luke 24:13–35*

After the reading:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

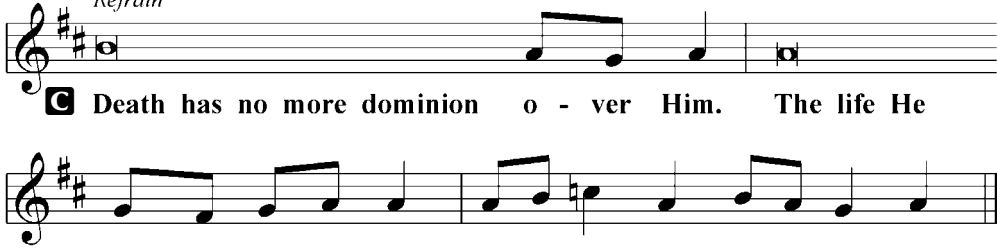
Responsory for Easter

L Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. *Refrain*

L He was delivered for our offenses; He was raised again for our justification. *Refrain*

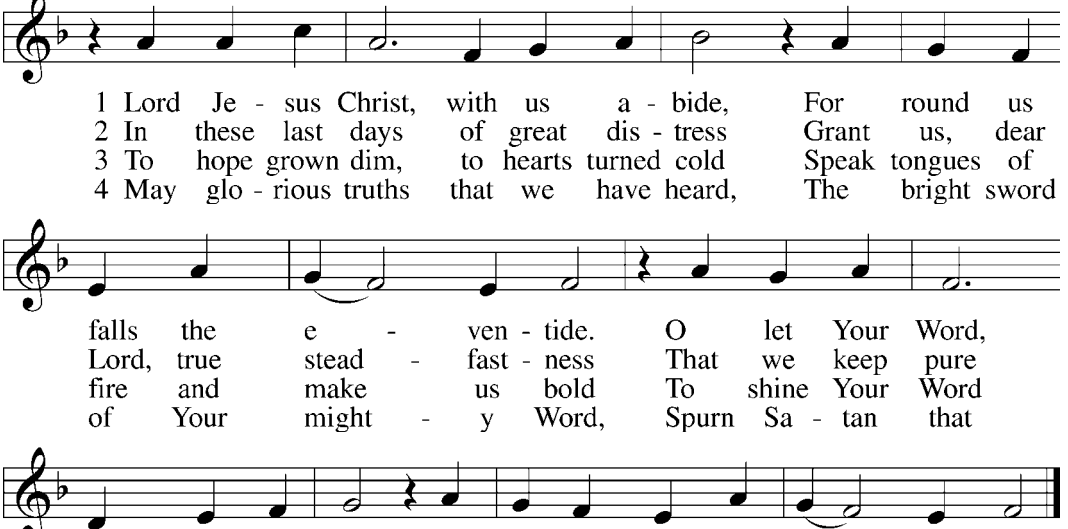
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. *Refrain*

Refrain



C Death has no more dominion o - ver Him. The life He
lives He lives to God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Office Hymn *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide* (LSB 585)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword
falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that
that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied 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.

Sermon

Distribution of Vicarage Assignments and Deaconess Internships

Distribution of Diaconal Calls

Distribution of Pastoral Calls

Charge to the Candidates for the Holy Ministry



Canticle *Te Deum* (LSB 223)

C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;

1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collects

After each collect:



C A - men.

Benedicamus



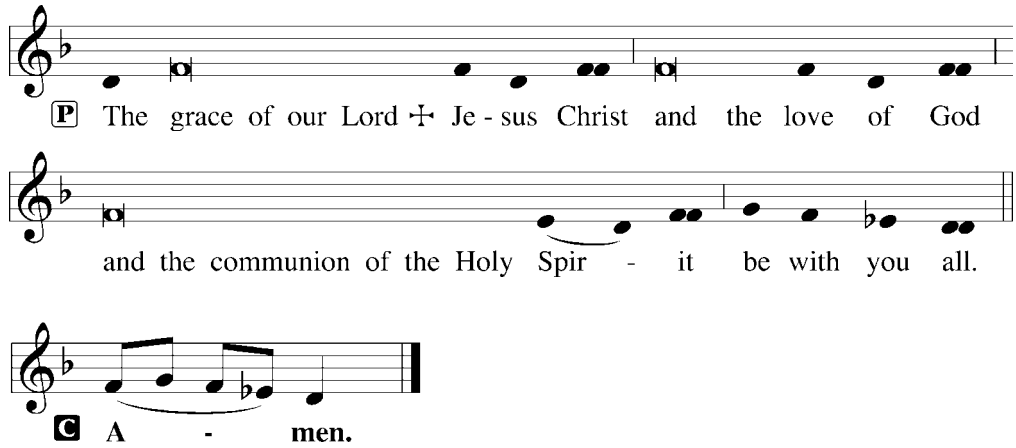
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



Benediction



The musical notation consists of three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics "The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God" are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. The lyrics "and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all." are written below. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts on a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics "A - men." are written below. The system ends with a double bar line.

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

Greetings

The Reverend David P. E. Maier
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Hymn *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (LSB 465)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

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Go and preach to Nineveh.



God provides for Elijah.

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