

# ✝ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✝

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MISERICORDIAS DOMINI  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday – April 26, 2020



***The Risen Lord Jesus Reveals Himself to Us in the Holy Gospel***

The Third Sunday of Easter has traditionally been called “*Misericordias Domini*.” It derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit of the day from Psalm 33:5b, “The earth is full of the mercy (*miseriscordias*) of the Lord (*Domini*).”

The Word of the Lord endures forever. This living and abiding Word of God is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and glorified him” (1 Peter 1:21). By this Word we have been born again to eternal life and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This Word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of (our) sins” (Acts 2:38). As Christ opens the Scriptures, he opens our minds to comprehend the things concerning himself and he brings us to know him (Luke 24:27).

# ✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

## THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

### OPENING HYMN

156 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

## INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

*\* Please stand.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*\* Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

265 "This Is the Feast of Victory" (*Dignus est Agnus*)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And  
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

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

## **SALUTATION** (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*\* Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

## **FIRST LESSON** [Acts 2:14a; 36-47](#)

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY** Psalm 67

*\* The psalm will be chanted by the cantor.*

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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.

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

## SECOND LESSON [1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY Luke 24:32 (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

“Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us.” Alleluia.



*\* The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY [Luke 24:13-35](#)

\* *Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter, according to St. Luke, chapter twenty-four.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

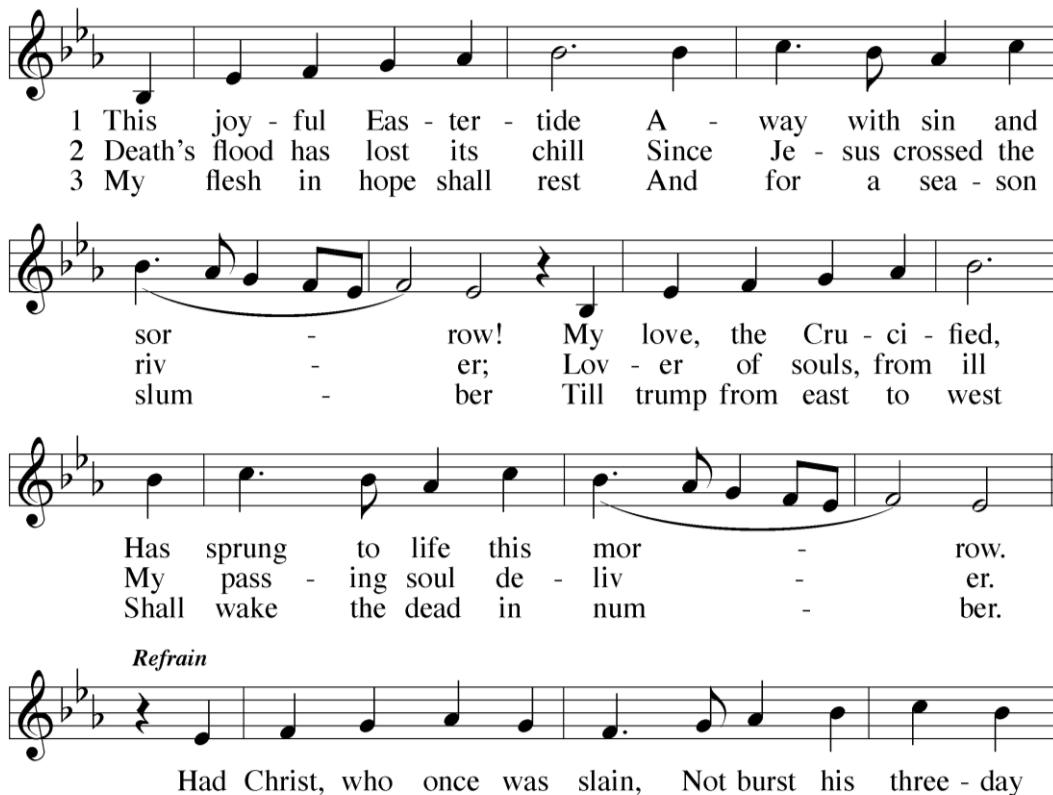
\* *After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

\* *Please be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 160 "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day





# **EASTER ACCLAMATION** (Luke 24:6,34; 1 Corinthians 15:20)

**M:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **SERMON**

Luke 24:13-35

## **NICENE CREED** (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

*\* Please stand.*

**C:** 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

\* Please be seated.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

737 vv 1,2 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:

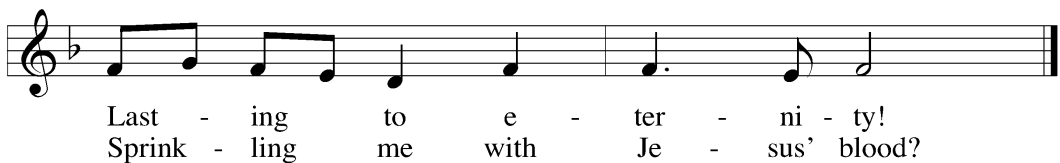
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -  
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have

cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -  
com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing

demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures  
sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science

man - y? I have one worth more than an - y  
seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me

That brought me sal - va - tion free,  
In a dear for - giv - ing flood,



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – SEASON OF EASTER (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

*\* Please remain seated.*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked May 1<sup>st</sup> as a day to thank God for his work through St. Philip and St. James, Apostles. We will recognize this minor festival in our prayers today.*

## LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

## PREFACES

*\* Please stand.*

**M: The Lord be with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

**C: And also with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.** (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.** (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

**M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ,**

our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

### **PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

\* Please be seated.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION** (1 Corinthians 11:26)

#### Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

*Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.*



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

### Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON** (Luke 2:29-32)

*\* Please stand as the canticle is introduced.*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

### **THANKSGIVING** (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

\* Please be seated.

## CLOSING HYMN

162 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled

is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.

My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -

rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.

Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,

Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

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### **Personal Prayer after Worship**

*Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.*

**Special thanks to:** Allison Hermanson, Edith Hermanson, Sophia Johnston, and Kaia Leyrer for singing in the Children's Choir; Peter Hermanson for serving as cantor and for playing the music; and Ben Leyrer for recording the video of the service and serving as distribution assistant.

**Offering:** If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

**"About the Propers,"** a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and **"The Congregation at Prayer,"** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

**The Paschal Candle:** Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (Exodus 12 & 1 Corinthians 6:6-8). Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13). The candle is lit every Easter morning to symbolize that Christ is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Christ our Lord.

**Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

**Please contact Pastor Berg** if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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