

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus
Our Risen Lord Works Wonderful Changes

REVELATION 5:13



To the Lamb
be blessing and honor
and glory
and might

*FOREVER
AND EVER*

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OPENING HYMN

582 – Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun
2 All praise to you, who safe have kept
3 Lord, all my prayers as - cend to you:
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest this day
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



Your dai - ly stage of du - ty run;
And have re - freshed me while I slept.
Dis - perse my sins as morn - ing dew,
All I de - sign or do or say
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Shake off your sleep and joy - ful rise
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
That all my pow'rs with all their might
Praise him a - bove, you heav'n - ly host—



To bring your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
I may of end - less light par - take.
And with your light my spir - it fill.
In your sole glo - ry may u - nite.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr., alt.

Tune: MORNING HYMN (LM) François H. Barthelemon, 1741–1808.

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

**Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth its glory spending
So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
And death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.**

**Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to you, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us,
You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise
And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story. (147:1,2)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-19a

Jesus worked a miraculous change in Saul's life when he converted him from Christian persecutor to Christian missionary.

^{ACTS 9:1} Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

PSALM

Psalm 67

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Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone *

May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make his face shine up | on 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.

Refrain

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 be | ginni^{ng},*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Revelation 5:11-14

At one time, all the world seemed to reject Jesus. In this heavenly scene that has changed to glorious worship.

REVELATION 5:11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.” (226:7)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL John 21:1-14

After the disciples fished all night with nothing to show for it, Jesus revealed himself and his power to his disciples by granting a miraculous catch.

JOHN 21:1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”
“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

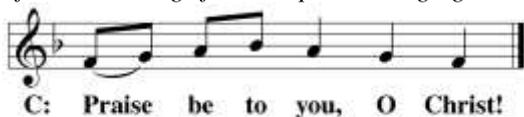
⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

¹¹ Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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 everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

265 - This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Turn the page for the verses of the hymn

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God,
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 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!

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SERMON

Revelation 5:11-14

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M In your compassion you sent Christ who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

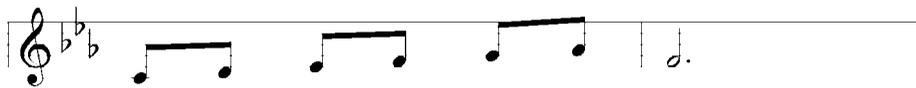
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

776 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry;
2 Oh, what glo - ry far ex - ceed - ing
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es:



Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
All that eye has yet per - ceived!
Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long.
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
 Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing.
 God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it,
 Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders



Soon the storms of time shall cease.
 There on high our wel - come waits.
 Crowd on faith, what joy un - known,



In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it.
 When a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed th' e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



CLOSING HYMN

171 – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the
 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un -
 And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as -
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing
 Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we Shall praise your



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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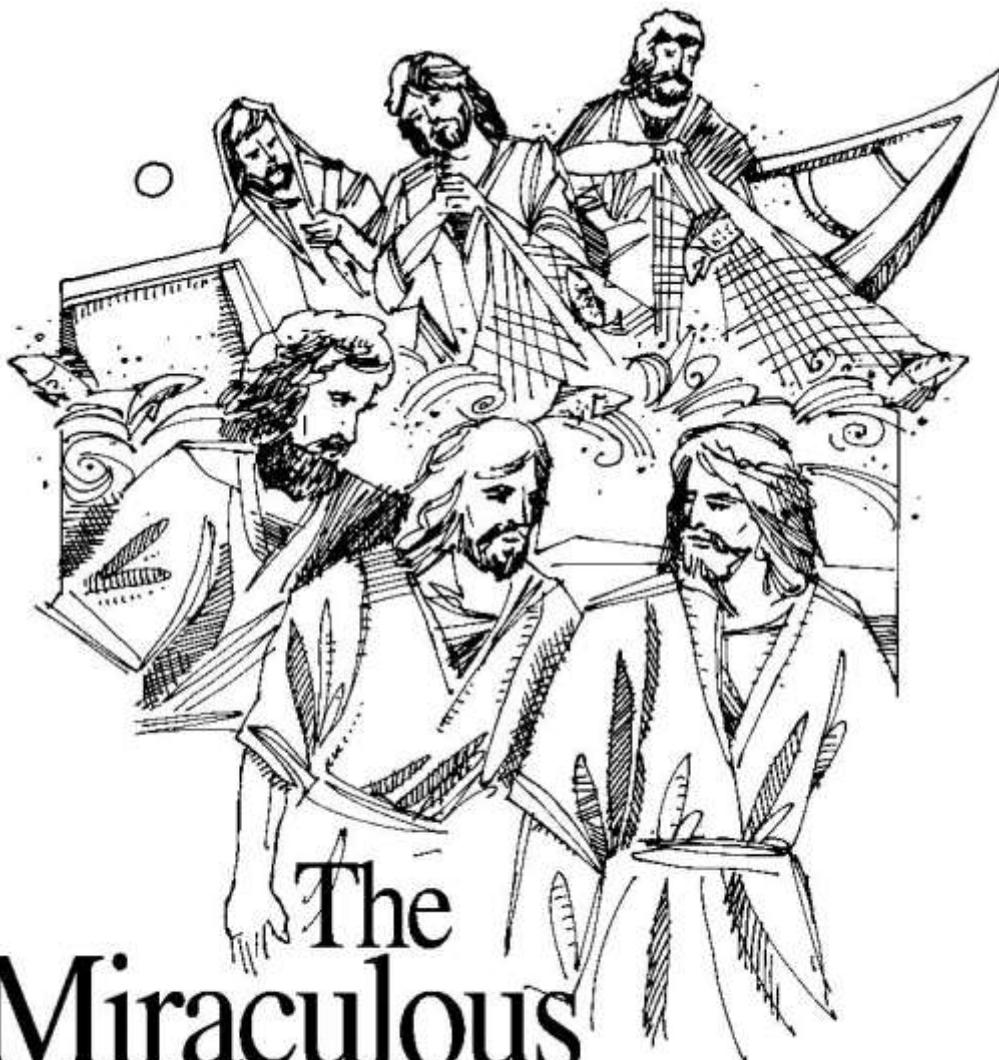


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to you let earth accord.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673–735, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623, alt.*

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



The Miraculous Catch of Fish