

# Order of Divine Worship

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Resurrection Affirmation

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**AS WE GATHER:** “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can “see what kind of love the Father has given to us” (1 John 3:1).

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” [LSB 475 v. 1, 3]

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SONG AND MESSAGE

**SONG** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" [LSB 922 v. 1, 3]

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

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**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 16:11b; 30:1–3*

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Pastor:** In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**People:** **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Pastor:** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

**People:** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

People: **O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4–5; 16:11b

Pastor: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

People: **Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You’ve shown.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,  
People: **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**People:**           **and give thanks to His holy name.**

**Pastor:**           For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**People:**           **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**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.**

**Pastor:**           In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**People:**           **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Pastor:**           “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 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. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:**           **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT**           *Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
                          at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
                          and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to  
the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the  
morning.

**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.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**KYRIE** Lord, Have Mercy

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven LSB [477 v. 2-3]

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:

Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.  
People: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**     *Acts 3:11–21*     (Peter preaches salvation through Christ.)

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And 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? <sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And 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.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      *1 John 3:1–7*    (We are God’s children now.)

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**VERSE***Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL***Luke 24:36–49*

(Amid disciples' doubts, the resurrected Christ affirms the fulfillment of God's Word.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See 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." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then 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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostle’s Creed

**People:** **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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” [LSB 700 v. 1-2]

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

2        Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
          Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
          Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
          Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
          Set our hearts at liberty.

**SERMON**        "Jesus Open Our Minds to Understand"  
                  St. Luke 24:36-49

**HYMN**            "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"            [LSB 700 v. 3-4]

3        Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
          Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
          Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
          Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
          Glory in Thy perfect love.

4        Finish then Thy new creation,  
          Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
          Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
          Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
          Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**    *1 John 3:1-7*

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

**HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" [LSB 725 v. 1]

1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Pastor: Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.

**HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" [LSB 725 v. 2]

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Pastor: Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials, [*including* . . .]. Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory

would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore.

**HYMN**            “Children of the Heavenly Father”            [LSB 725 v. 3]

3            Neither life nor death shall ever  
              From the Lord His children sever;  
              Unto them His grace He showeth,  
              And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Pastor:            Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all. Be with those who serve and defend from harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order. Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation.

Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all.

*[Additional petitions may follow. After each petition the pastor prays: Lord, in Your mercy, and the people respond **hear our prayer.**]*

**HYMN**            “Children of the Heavenly Father”            [LSB 725 v. 4]

4            Though He giveth or He taketh,  
              God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
              His the loving purpose solely  
              To preserve them pure and holy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**     *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

**BENEDICTION**     *1 John 3:1a; Psalm 16:11b; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;

**People: and so we are.**

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**HYMN** "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" [LSB 813 v.1, 6, 7]

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

6 At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. **Refrain**

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. **Refrain**

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