

Sunday, April 10, 2016  
Third Sunday of Easter  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

*A blinding light that reveals the truth about Christ; a vision that reveals the Lamb whose blood set us free to be people of God; an encounter with the risen Lord Jesus who restores a disciple to ministry: our Scripture lessons this morning reveal a loving God who stops at nothing to set us on the right path no matter how far we stray.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on  
the Usher Stands.

**GATHERING HYMN** *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

**ELW 521**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who brings us safely through  
the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of  
milk and honey. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and mercy,  
**you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet we  
have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We  
are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our  
sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all  
things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in  
grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and  
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained  
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare  
to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### GREETING

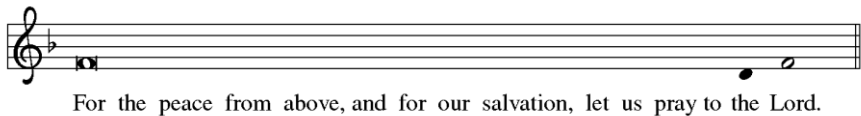
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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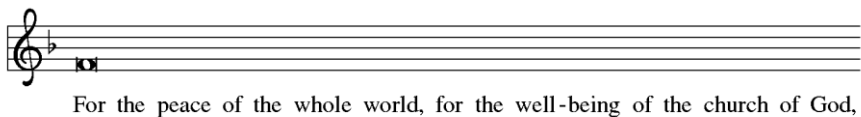
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



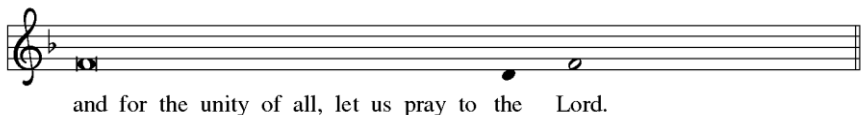
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



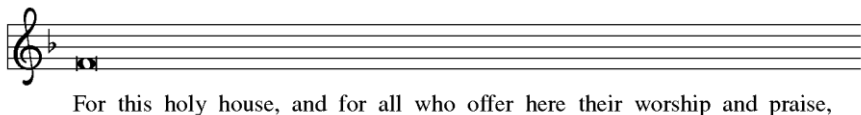
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



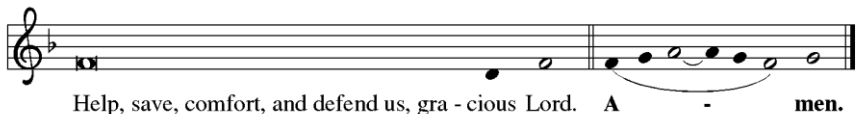
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# Gloria

**LEADER**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**ALL**



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**who by the humiliation of your Son raised up a fallen world, give to your faithful people continual gladness, and make those whom you have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, partakers of eternal joy; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 9:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And

here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

*The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 30**

A psalm of David. A song of dedication of the Temple

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

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

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the**

**pit.**

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> 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.**

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,

**“I shall never be moved.”**

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,

you made my mountain stand strong;

**you hid your face;**

**I was dismayed.**

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cry,

**and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death,

**if I go down to the pit?**

Will the dust praise you?

**Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

**O LORD, be my helper!”**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

<sup>12</sup> that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.*

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

## GOSPEL VERSE

### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

### *The holy gospel according to St. John the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter*

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### **Gospel: John 21:14-19**

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my

sheep. <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Holy God We Praise Your Name* **ELW 414**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLE’S CREED** ELW p.127  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
    On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
        He is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
    and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
    and the life everlasting. Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Create in Me a Clean Heart  
*Offering Song*

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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW p. 145

**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**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

**ELW 389**

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher.

**Scriptures for next week;**

*Romans 6:1-11*

*Psalm 23*

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*John 10:22-30*

**Please keep in your prayers this week:**

Dorothy Nordgren, Betsy Peterson, Barb Amundson, Ken Moenck, Keith Lovell, Evelyn Mitchell, LuAnne Johnson, Ida Peterson, Judy Curtis, Nick Fosse, Roger Hagen, Iris Rotz, Pastor Steve Dahl & his parents, and all the Henning school youths who are traveling to and from New York.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, April 10

9:00 AM	Education
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Monday, Wed., Fri

9:00 AM	Exercise
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Tuesday, April 12

9:30 AM	Bible Study
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Wednesday, April 13

Circle Day	
3:30 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Council Mtg

Thursday, April 14

Pastor out of town for conference

Next Sunday, April 17

9:00 AM	Education
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship