

Easter 3, May 1, 2022, Order of Worship

Announcements/Concerns/Joys

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2007, Augsburg Fortress, p. 158)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P: God has given to all nations the repentance that leads to life. Let us come with repentant hearts to the God who makes all things new. Gracious God,

C: we confess to you all the ways in which we dismiss the resurrection news. Foolish and slow of heart to believe, we turn from others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit. Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, so that we may be witnesses to your saving power. Amen.

P: Peace be with you, sisters and brothers. In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption; you are God's beloved children. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* LBW 151, HP 5739, ELW 365

***Kyrie** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** LBW p. 78 (read)

***Prayer of the Day** Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from Acts, the 9th chapter (9:1-20) pew Bible, p. 1706

Saul, later called Paul, was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus. (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2021, p. 173)

After each reading, "The word of the Lord." "Thanks be to God!"

Psalm 30 pew Bible, p. 867

His anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning (30:5). You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy (30:11).

A reading from Revelation, the 5th chapter (5:11-14)

pew Bible, p. 1919

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

***Alleluia**

hymnal, p. 83

***The holy gospel according to John (21:1-19)**

pew Bible, p. 1687

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day**

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (1,4,5)
(1,3,5)

LBW 363, HP 173

ELW 389

***Apostle’s Creed**

pew Bible, p. 85

***Prayers** (God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**)

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LBW 144, HP 1488, ELW 385

Dismissal

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace, and tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!