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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*May 5, 2019*

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**THEME:** It is our turn to be changed. Today we are reminded of the change that happened to Peter. In the last moments of Jesus' earthly life, Peter denied Jesus three times. This brought on a feeling of great guilt and shame for Peter. In our Gospel passage, we discover that Jesus forgave and then invited Peter to follow him. This act of Jesus was a catalyst for Peter to change. Now, it is our turn to be changed. Jesus comes today to forgive and to invite us to follow him.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*~Silence for reflection~*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sin that we might have new life. By the command of Jesus, I forgive you all of your sins—in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

*LBW pg. 78-79*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

**C: Amen**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on the cross to the empty tomb, You revealed Christ risen and the life-changing mercy and love for us and all mankind.

**C: Grant to Your faithful people a daily recognition of His victory over sin, death, and the grave, that we might serve You in confident joy;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

***Acts 9:1-22***

*The Conversion of Saul*

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 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. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 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. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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." 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, 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." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 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. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 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." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of god." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM: “Our Awesome God”**

*By Stan Pethel & Daniel ben Judah Dayyan*

The God of Abr’ham praise, All praises to His name,  
Who was and is, and is to be,  
He is the same. The one eternal God Before us now appears;  
The First, the Last, throughout all time, beyond the years.  
His spirit flowing free, It surges where it will;  
In prophet’s words He spoke and He is speaking still.  
Established is His law, And changeless it shall stand,  
It’s written on each heart through out the land.

When the sky was starless in the void of the night,

*Our God is an awesome God;*

He spoke into the darkness and created the light.

*Our God is and awesome God.*

With judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom,  
the mercy and grace He gave us at the cross,  
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten,

*Our God is an awesome God. Our God is an awesome God,*

He reigns from heav’n above with wisdom, pow’r, and love,  
our God is an awesome God.

Eternal life He brings, Implanted in the soul;  
His love shall be our strength and stay While ages roll.  
We praise the living God! All praises to His name,  
Who was, and is and is to be, He is the same.

*Our God is an awesome God,*

He reigns from heav’n above with wisdom, pow’r, and love,

*our God is an awesome God.*

*Our God is an awesome God. Our God is an awesome God!*

## **GOSPEL LESSON:**

***John 21:1-14***

*Jesus appears to seven disciples and restores Peter.*

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

***LBW 328 vs. 1-4***

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all.

3 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
Now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all.

4 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call -  
The God incarnate, man divine -  
And crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine-  
And crown him Lord of all.

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## SERMON

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### CONFESSING OUR FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

**And is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## **OFFERINGS GATHERED**

*We give our offerings as a sign of our lives given to the Lord in humble service.*

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## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Lord, You appeared to the disciples, showing Yourself again as the one and only risen Redeemer. You forgave Peter his betrayal and appointed him to feed Your sheep. Forgive our sins, restore us to Your service, and bless all that we do that it be to Your glory. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** You turned Saul from an enemy of Your kingdom into Your servant and sent him as an apostle to the Gentiles. Turn our hearts from rebellion and resistance to Your Word and Spirit, and lead us to be bold witnesses of Your mercy in words and in deeds. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** You set apart nations and governments for the protection of people, for justice, and for the promotion of virtue. Raise up good and honest leaders in Philomath and everywhere and guide them on the path of peace for the benefit of all. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear, [*especially . . .*]. Bless all people according to their need with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble, and sustain them in faith, according to Your gracious will. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***LBW pg. 88***

P: The Lord Be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

***LBW pg. 88***

P: It is indeed right and salutary .... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

***LBW pg. 89***

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

*"I Love You, Lord"*

**TOSB 225**

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear;  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

*"What a Friend"*

**TOSB 246**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble any where?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who with all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

*"People Need the Lord"*

**TOSB 117**

Every day they pass me by, I can see it in their eye;  
Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where.  
On they go through private pain, living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears.

**Refrain:**

People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.  
People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
When will we realize people need the Lord.

We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right;  
What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost.  
Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear.  
They must hear the words of life only we can share.

**Refrain:**

People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.  
People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
That we must give our lives for people need the Lord.  
People need the Lord.

**CLOSING SONG: "Great is the Lord"****TOSB 66**

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love.

**Chorus:**

Great is the Lord, And worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, And worthy of  
praise.  
Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the  
Lord Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love

**Chorus**

Great are you Lord, And worthy of glory Great are you Lord, and worthy of  
praise.  
Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord!  
Great are you Lord!

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **POST-SERVICE MUSIC**