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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021**

**SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics**

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

**SERVICE THEME: Faith Is Being Certain of What We Do Not See**

Our faith is based on firmest possible ground: Jesus, our risen Lord. We cannot see him. We cannot touch him. We have not yet experienced the joy that will be ours forever. We come to know and trust in him as our Savior only through the precious Gospel that is revealed to us in the words of Scripture.

**Our Practice for Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ strengthens our faith as we receive His body and blood together with the bread and wine. Receiving the Sacrament is a public confession of faith. Therefore, Christ the Rock observes the Biblical principle of "Close Communion." We invite those persons who are members of this congregation or another Wisconsin Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregation to commune today. Other guests are asked to speak with our pastor if they desire to join our confessional fellowship. Thank you!



**MORNING PRAISE**

*Morning Praise or Matins is an order of service that takes powerful biblical texts and combines them with fresh, energetic melodies. This service has been in use among Christian communities as a way to usher in a new day with God's blessing, recalling the biblical mandate to "watch and pray."*

**Minister:** O Lord, open my lips.

**Congregation:** **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**M:** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:** **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

**M:** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C:** **Come, oh, come, let us worship.**

# COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD *Venite*

*Psalm 95*

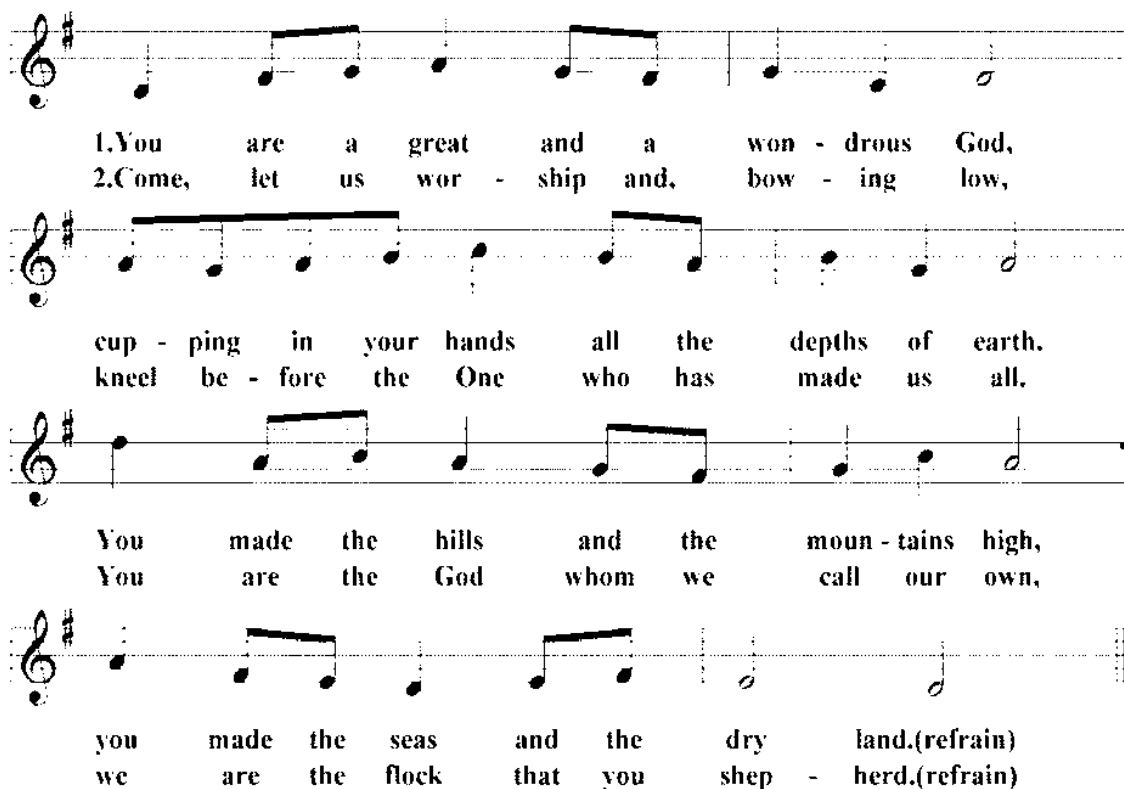
This song, the *Venite*, Latin for "come," allows worshipers to come and make a joyful noise in praise of the maker of heaven and earth using the words of Psalm 95

## Refrain:



Come, oh, come let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;  
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,  
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

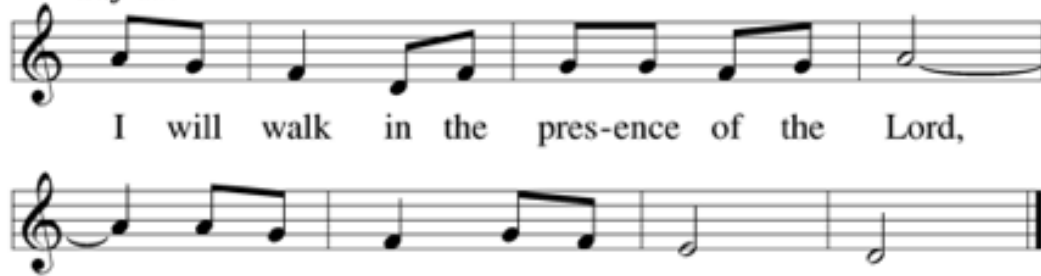
## Verses:



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.  
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,  
you made the seas and the dry land.(refrain)  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.(refrain)

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*Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

Minister: Keep me safe, O God,  
**Congregation: for in you I take refuge.**

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
**apart from you I have no good thing."**

I have set the LORD always before me.  
**Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

*Refrain*

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
**my body also will rest secure,**  
 because you will not abandon me to the grave,  
**nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;  
**you will fill me with joy in your presence.**

**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.**

*Refrain*

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Acts 3:12-20**

*Peter's message is clear: We sinners killed the righteous Jesus. God raised him from the dead.*

*Our response is to repent of our sins and put our faith in the risen Savior.*

**12** When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”

**13** The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

**14** You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

**15** You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

**16** By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

**17** “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

**18** But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

**19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

**20** and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 John 5:1-6**

*Since Jesus is our risen Savior, we will gladly love God, love our neighbor, and obey the will of the Lord.*

**1** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

**2** This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

**3** In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

**4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

**5** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**6** This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

## RESPONSE:

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL LESSON

**John 20:19-31**

*Jesus appears to the disciples on Easter evening to bring them his Word of peace.  
He then appears the next week to remove the doubts of Thomas.*

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus <sup>a</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." 26A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

**31 But these are written that you may believe <sup>b</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Christian Worship #160



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

“This Joyful Eastertide” Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934. Tune: Davids Psalman, Amsterdam, 1684

*Resurrection Christians Have Their Marching Orders*

1. Our risen Lord sends us out to work for him
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Our risen Lord gives us the keys of the kingdom of heaven



*Please stand*

# YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU *Te Deum*

## Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

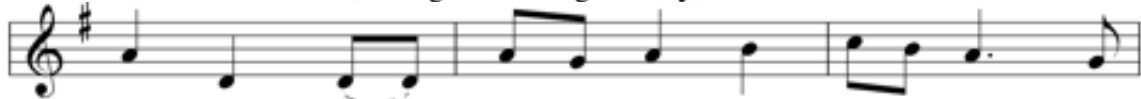


To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

## Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,  
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*  
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*



## **LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)**

*Psalm 27:7*

*Spoken*

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**C: Amen.**

M: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

M: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

M: Because of the promise of our dear Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**HYMN**

**“Take and Eat” Verses: 1-3**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #741*

*Refrain*

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y  
 giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,  
 this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

*Verses*

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,  
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;  
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;

I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
 A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.  
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest  
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.  
 I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song.

*To Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.  
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

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