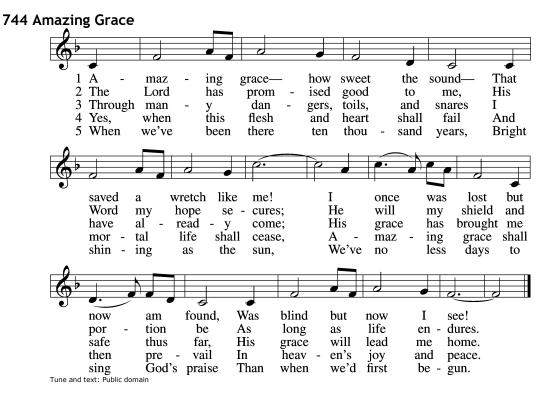
Sunday 21 June 2020 (Pentecost 3)



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

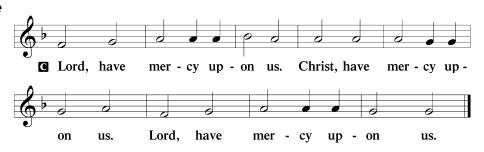
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Service of the Word

Psalm 91

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<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
  will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,*
  my God, in | whom I trust."
<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
  and from the deadly pestilence.
<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,
  and under his wings you will find | refuge;*
  his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.
<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
  nor the arrow that | flies by day,
<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*
  nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.
<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,
  ten thousand at your | right hand,*
  but it will not come | near you.
<sup>8</sup>You will only look | with your eyes*
  and see the recompense of the | wicked.
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
  the Most High, who is my | refuge-
<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
  no plague come | near your tent.
<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
  to guard you in all your ways.
<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,*
  lest you strike your foot a- gainst a stone.
<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;*
  the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
<sup>14</sup>"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- liver him;*
  I will protect him, because he knows my name.
<sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him;
  I will be with him in | trouble;*
  I will rescue him and | honor him.
<sup>16</sup>With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
  and show him my sal- | vation."
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Kyrie

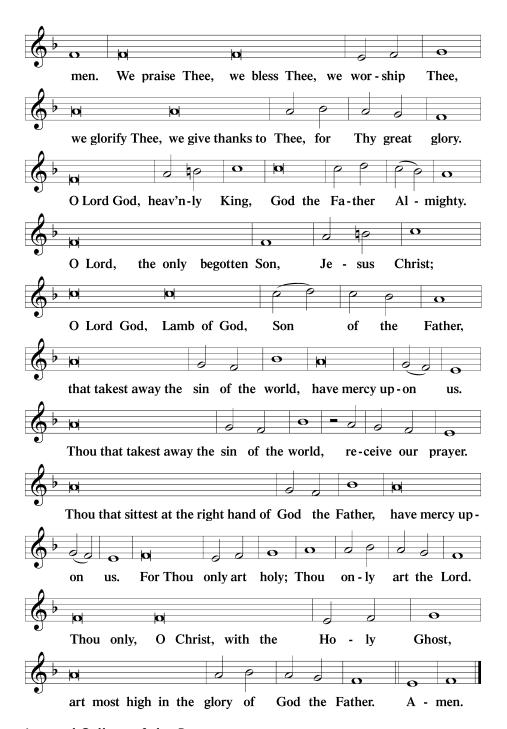


Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high: Q and on earth peace, good - will toward

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out,

I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

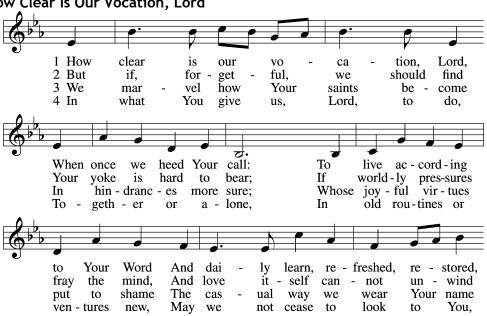
Apostles' Creed

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 **Feverlasting. Amen.

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Sermon

Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P O merciful Father, hear Your people as they pray in the name of Jesus on behalf of all people. Faithful God, when we are fearful of our enemies and weary of the struggle, You have been our shield and our strength. Grant to us the full measure of Your grace to sustain us against all who are against us, and help us to endure the trials and temptations of this mortal life and be faithful unto death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Faithful God, with Your favour upon us, we pray You to help us in our fight against temptation and sin. Help us to live holy and righteous lives by the power of Your Spirit, and keep us from surrendering ourselves to the slavery from which Christ has set us free. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Paithful God, with the witness of the saints before us and the courage of Your Holy Spirit within us, we pray You to help us to maintain the faithful confession and to contend for the faith in our age. Give to all the churches of the Augsburg Confession unity of doctrine and harmony of life together under the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Faithful God, we remember those who serve us in Jesus' name. Bless the leaders of our Synod, all pastors and teachers, that they may be faithful in their calling and honour Christ with an obedient life. Raise up those who will follow in their steps and serve Your Kingdom in the years to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Faithful God, equip us to live out the promise of our baptismal life under Your grace, and guide us to love our neighbours as You have loved us. This week we pray for the Brighton & Kent Missions, Pastor Simojoki, and Evangelical Lutheran Church—Synod of France. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Faithful God, give healing and strength to the sick and all afflicted in body or mind, and grant to those who struggle the gift of peace of mind and heart. Restore our nation and the world in health and livelihood, and preserve us from pestilence and fear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Faithful God, by Your Word You continue to feed and nourish Your people with all that will sustain our lives and faith. Bring us to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and, united in faith, we shall be one people before Your altar. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Faithful God, sanctify us as Your people and make us bold to confess You on earth. When this earthly life is ended and we stand before You on high, grant us to hear the Saviour's acknowledgment that we are His and He is ours forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P All these things, Father, and everything else for which we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died and rose and lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

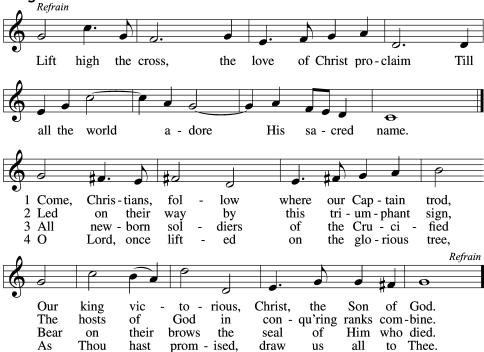
Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

- The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

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- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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