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Welcome to our Matins Service for the Second Sunday of Easter

Please use this Service Folder to participate in today's liturgy. As usual, the hymns are linked in blue, so just click on the links and sing along. (There might be other links in blue for you to click, too, for further devotional material.) Once each hymn is completed, return to Pastor's video and continue with the Service. In order to make your participation as reverent as possible, dress for the occasion, and follow the *rubrics* by singing, responding, and *sitting, standing, and kneeling*, just as if you were in the nave at TGS. The service begins on page 2.



Note: **The Latin names for the Sundays after Easter come** from the first line of the Introit (called the antiphon). Often this antiphon sets the whole theme for the particular Sunday of the Church Year. Before opening hymns and a rite of Corporate Confession & Absolution were added to the beginning of the liturgy, the antiphon of the Introit were the first words heard in Church that day.

Hence they became fitting names for the services, almost like little holidays unto themselves, especially during Advent, Lent, and Eastertide where those names are retained to this day.

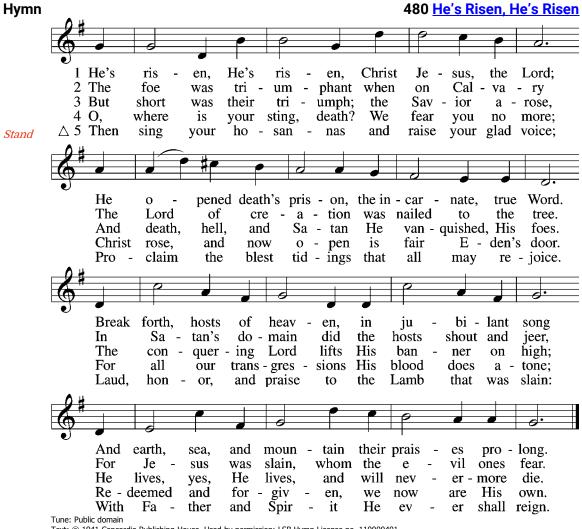
Quasimodo, then, is not a monster, it is "like a newborn" in Latin. Like newborns long for their mother's milk, so we Christians long for the pure milk of the Word of God. For it is through this preached Word that the new life of faith invigorates the dry bones of our sinful souls.

<u>Prayer to Prepare for the Service</u>: Dearest Lord Jesus, You are the firstborn from the dead, the Living One forevermore. By Your death You conquered death and by Your rising to life You have given to me the hope of everlasting life. Even though I have not seen You and do not see You now, I have been given to believe in You through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the gift of faith You have given me to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God and by believing You have given me life in Your name. I rejoice in this peace that is mine by Your grace and I pray that You further empower me to share this good news with others. In Your holy name I pray. Amen

The service begins

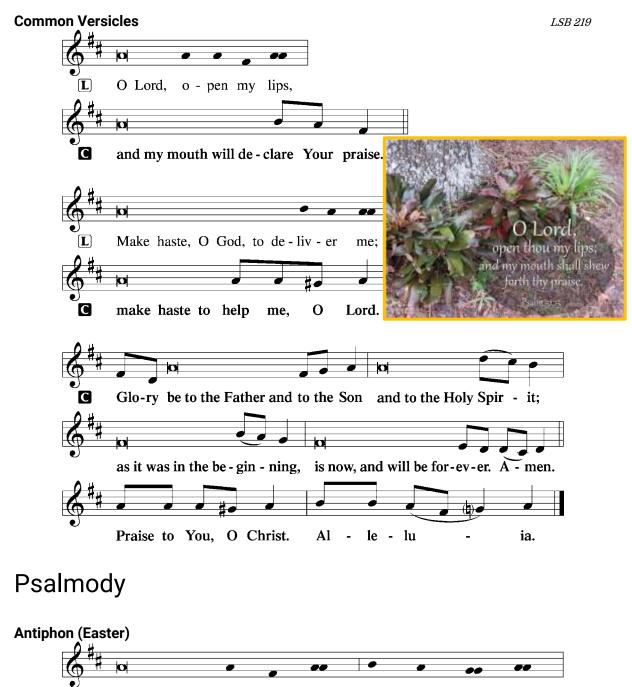
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The Easter Proclamation **P** Christ is risen! C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



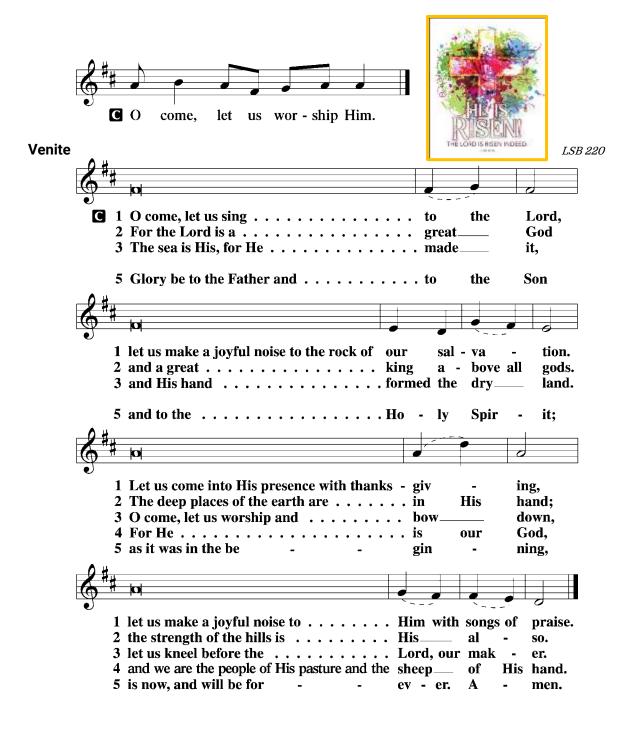
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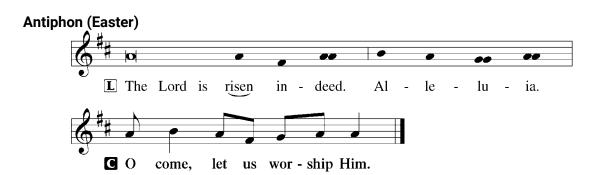




L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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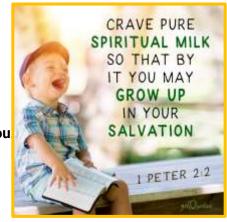




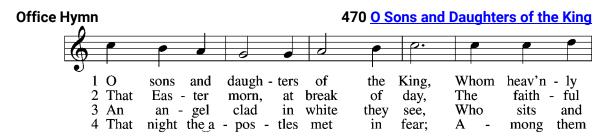
Introit

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

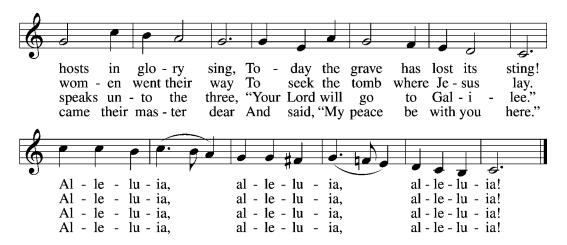
- Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,* long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
- Sing aloud to | God our strength;* shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
- In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;* I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
- I am the | LORD your God,* who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
- C Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;* and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you
- 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.
- Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,* long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.



Sit



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- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me,

"Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came



together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

- **P** 0 Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

John 20:19-31

Second Reading

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the

victory that has overcome the world-our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood–Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in

himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- **P** 0 Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called

the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

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²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him,

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

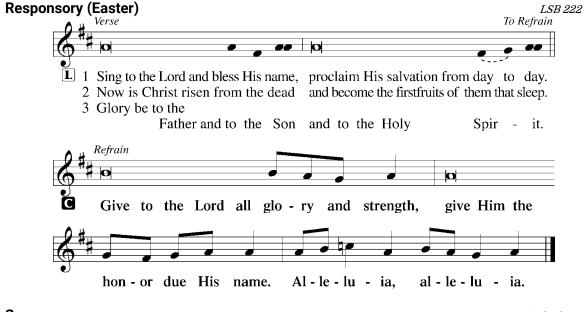
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



<u>The Incredulity of St. Thomas</u>, Caravaggio, 1601-1602

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.



Sermon

Canticle

Pr. von Hindenburg

Stand



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Prayer

Kneel/Stand



Lord's Prayer

 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.

Collects



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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

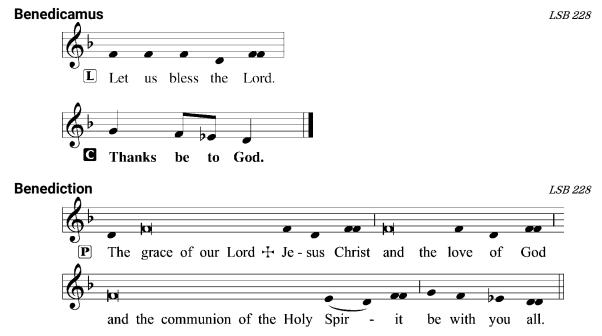


Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

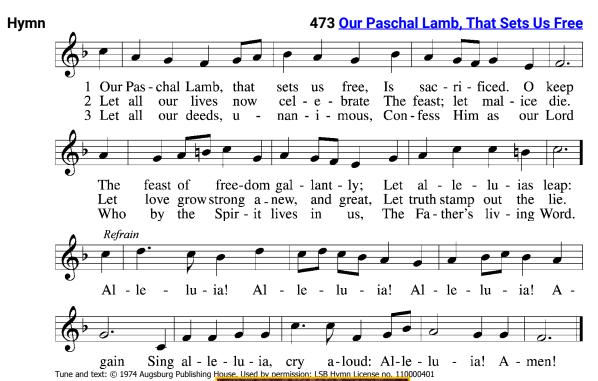


Stand





Sit





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🕂 Parish Announcements 🕂

Pastoral Care

"While the pandemic occupies much of our concern and prayers right now, I know that these are not the only matters for which you may desire pastoral care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide pastoral care and apply the Word of God in any situation you may be facing." – *Pastor von Hindenburg*

Your Church Offerings



Don't forget to collect your offering for today, and put in its envelope, and either mail to the church, or gather all your envelopes and drop in the plate when we next meet. Currently, we do not have an online giving option, although the Council is exploring our options. At all times, our gifts and offerings are an

expression of faith and worship, recognizing that all things we have come from our heavenly Father's hand. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!"



A Stewardship Thought

Easter is not merely a day but a season, and every year we begin the rest of the story with John's description of Thomas and his encounter with the risen Lord. Perhaps this is descriptive of our attitude as a church and as individual believers. We daily wrestle with our doubts and fears, with what it means to believe and what it means to confess our faith openly in the world that is openly hostile to our

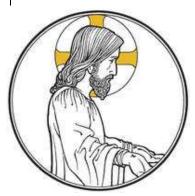
confession of faith. Could it be that we are so conditioned by the reality that is death that we struggle to hold on to the new reality of life that is ours in Christ? Thomas found out that seeing is not believing, but believing is seeing. We daily struggle with this very same truth, don't we?



Portals of Prayer

If you have not already picked up a copy or had one delivered, and would like the Church Office to mail one to you, just pop an email to <u>goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net</u> with your request, and Karina would be delighted to get one out to you.

Synod Notes on This Sunday: The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life



"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our

Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Quasimodo Geniti is the Latin name for today, which means, "like newborn babes." [It's actually three words in Latin: *Quasi modo geniti*]. These words of 1 Peter 2:2 begin the *Introit* for the First Sunday after Easter: "*Like newborn babies, crave the pure milk of the Word so that by it you may grow up with the result being salvation.*" Historically, those preparing for baptism and confirmation would attend and observe the Easter Vigil, during which they would be baptized and received into the Holy Christian Church after dark on Holy Saturday. These new Christians would continue in their instruction "as newborn babes" in the faith. It is the Word of God through the preached Word and the Sacraments that sustain the Christian. Would that we all might become as "*little children*" (*Mt. 18:3*), with child-like faith believing the Word, and, as newborn babies, "crave the pure milk of the Word," that we too may "grow up," and thus be prepared for the "meat"—the deeper truths of the faith and the mysteries of God (*1 Cor. 3:2, 4:1; Heb. 5:12-14*).

From Martin Luther's Second Sermon for Quasimodo Geniti John 20:19-31

So then you understand that the Gospel is nothing but preaching and glad tidings, how Christ entered into the throes of death for us, took upon himself all our sins and abolished them; not that it was needful for him to do it, but it was pleasing to the Father; and that he has bestowed all this upon us, in order that we might boldly stand upon it against sin, death, Satan and hell. Hence arises great, unspeakable joy, such as the disciples here experience. The text says: "The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord"--not a Lord, who inspired them with terror or burdened them with labor and

toil, but who provided for them and watched over them like a father is the lord of his estate and cares for his own. Aye, then first they rejoiced most on his account, when he spake to them: "Peace be unto you! It is I", and when he had showed unto them his hands and feet, that is, his works, all which were to be theirs. In the same manner he still comes to us through the Gospel, offers us peace and bestows his works upon us: if we believe, we have them; if we believe not, we have them not. For the Lord's hands and feet really signify nothing but his works, which he has done here upon earth for men. And the showing of his side is nothing but the showing of his heart, in order that we may see how



kind, loving and fatherlike his mind is toward us. All this is set forth for us in the Gospel as certainly and clearly as it was revealed and shown to the disciples bodily in our text. And it is much better that it is done through the Gospel than if he now entered here by the door; for you would not know him, even if you saw him standing before you, even much less than the Jews recognized him.

Almighty God,

Who through the death of Thy Son hast destroyed sin and death, And through His resurrection hast restored innocence and eternal life That we, being delivered from the power of the devil, May live in Thy kingdom, Grant that we may believe this with our whole heart And steadfast in this faith, ever praise and thank Thee, Through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant. dear Lord God. That the blessed Day of Thy holy advent may come soon, So that we may be redeemed From this bad, wicked world (The devil's dominion) And freed from the terrible plaque that we must suffer From without and within (From wicked people and our own conscience.) Do Thou dispatch this old maggot sack That we may finally get a different body, Which is not full of sin. Inclined to unchasteness and to everything evil (As this present one is) But one that is redeemed from all bodily and spiritual misery And made like unto Thy glorious body, dear Lord Jesus Christ, That we may at last come to our glorious redemption. Amen.

