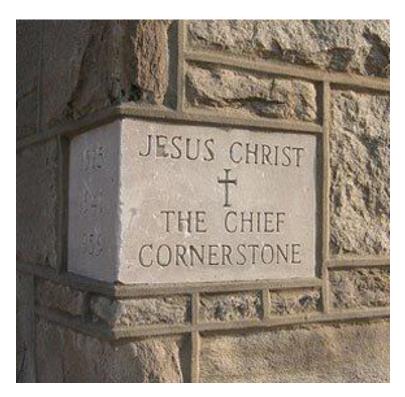
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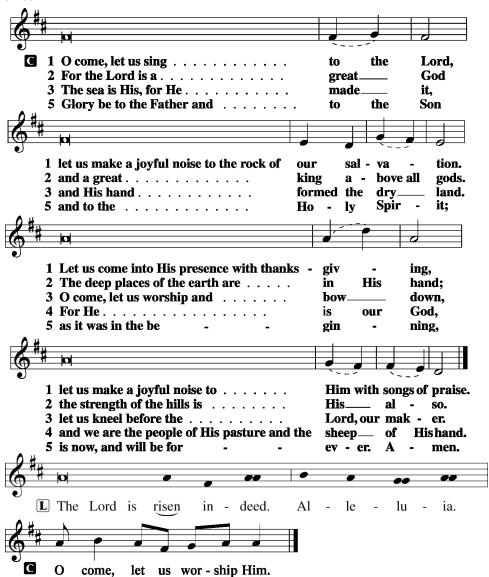
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#### Venite



Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Praise | the LORD!\*

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in | princes.\* in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\* on that very day his plans | perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\* whose hope is in the | LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\* who keeps faith for- | ever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for | the oppressed,\* who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; 8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.\* The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners: he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\* but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign for- | ever,\* your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

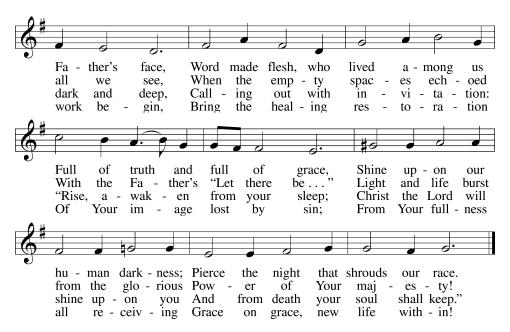
▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Sit

## Office Hymn

# LSB # 914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten





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### **Readings from Holy Scripture**

# **First Reading**

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle I Peter 2:2–10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone of stumbling,

and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness

into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

### Paschal Hymn

#### LSB # 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



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## Gospel

St. John 14:1–14

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

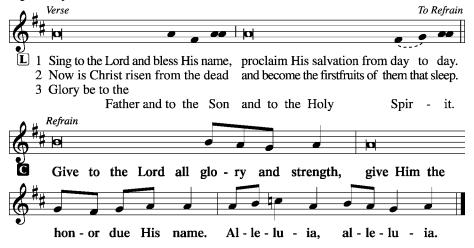
<sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

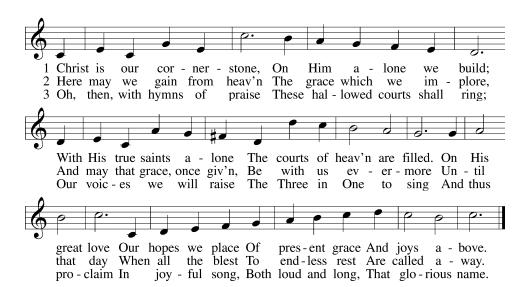
<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Paschal Responsory:**



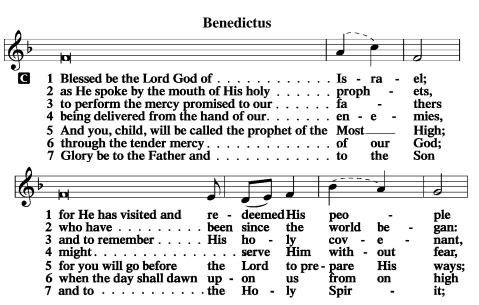
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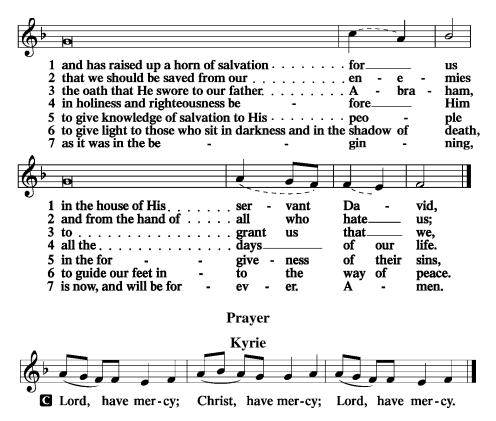


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## **Sermon:** Easter Arranged

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## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

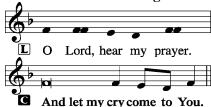
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

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.



### Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

Almighty and ever living God, grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection with great joy might also confess in our words and deeds that He is both Lord and God, and so glorify You in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Most Holy and Loving Trinity, You desire that we give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing You, and to lay all our cares on You, knowing that You care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties in this time of pestilence, and grant that no cloud of this mortal life may hide from us the light of Your immortal and uncreated love shown to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

#### **Collect for Grace**

- L 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.
- C Amen.

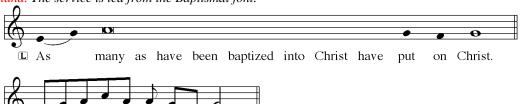
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#### **Benedicamus**



#### + PASCHAL BLESSING +

Stand. The service is led from the Baptismal font.





(Canted) On the first day of the week at early dawn,

the women went to the tomb, taking spices which they had prepared.

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

but when they went in they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this,

behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel;

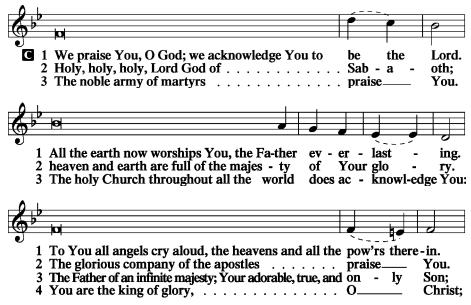
and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground,

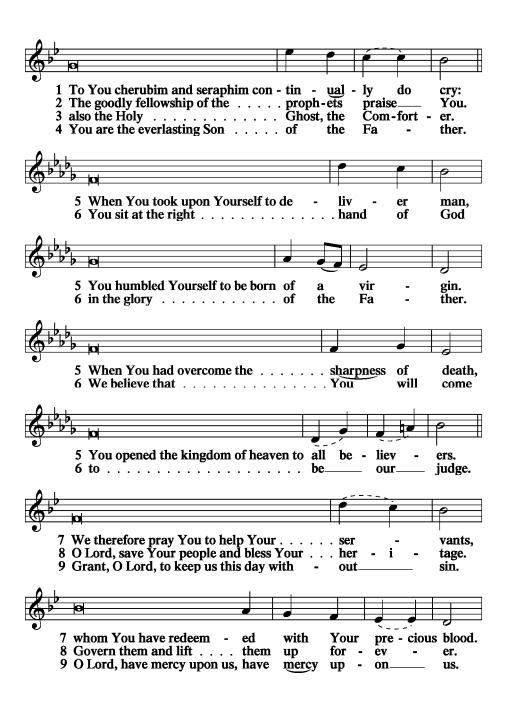
the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Te Deum LSB 223



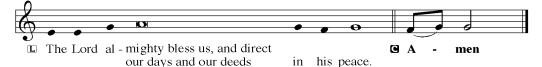




O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





- P Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Therefore let us keep the Feast!
- C Amen!