

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#) (*Saul is blinded by light and is converted on the road to Damascus*)

[Psalm 30](#) (*O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; my soul praises you*)

[Revelation 5:11-14](#) (*The choirs of heaven sing: Worthy is the Lamb!*)

[John 21:1-19](#) (*A miraculous catch of fish; Feed my sheep, Jesus tells Simon Peter*)

Themes: Conversion, Light, Resurrection, New Life, Adoration, Jesus

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

All Creatures of Our God and King (<i>LASST UNS ERFREUEN</i>)	Revelation
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (<i>CORONATION; DIADEM; MILES LANE</i>)	Revelation
Be Thou My Vision (<i>SLANE</i>)	Acts
Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing (<i>TRURO</i>)	Acts, John
Go to the World! Go Into All the Earth (<i>SINE NOMINE</i>)	Acts, Psalms
I Danced In the Morning (<i>SIMPLE GIFTS</i>)	John
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (<i>DUKE STREET</i>)	Revelation, John
In the Bulb There Is a Flower (<i>PROMISE</i>)	Psalms
Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult (<i>GALILEE</i>)	John
Lift High the Cross (<i>CRUCIFER</i>)	Revelation, John
Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (<i>CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT</i>)	John
Send Me, Jesus (Thuma Mina) (<i>THUMA MINA</i>)	Acts, John
When Morning Gilds the Skies (<i>LAUDES DOMINI</i>)	Psalms, Revelation
Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons) (<i>KELVINGROVE</i>)	Acts, John

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Beautiful Savior – E Revelation, John
Robert G. Farrell
© 2021, MorningStar Music, 50-6148
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

Come Follow Me Forever – E John
Johann Michael Haydn/Patrick Liebergen, arr.
© 2001, GIA Publications, G-5387
2-Part (Any), Keyboard

Followers of the Lamb – MD John
Shaker Melody/Philip Dietterich, arr.
© 1977, Hope Publishing, AG7223
SATB, a cappella, Percussion

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – ME Rev., John
DUKE STREET/John Behnke, arr.
© 1995, Concordia Publishing House, 98-4216
SAB, Organ, Handbells (2-3 Octaves), Trumpet

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table – E Acts
..... Communion
Michael Corzine/John Ferguson, arr.
© 2013, MorningStar Music, 50-6090
SATB, Organ, Clarinet

My God Is So High – M Acts
African-American Spiritual/Moses Hogan, arr.
© 1995, Alliance Music, AMP 0190
SATB, a cappella

Open Thou Mine Eyes – M Acts
John Rutter
© 1980, Oxford University Press, 9780193405509
SATB divisi, a cappella

Praise His Holy Name – M Acts, Revelation
Keith Hampton
© 1998, earthsongs, S-85
SATB, Piano

There Is Joy in the Morning – M Psalms
Gwyneth Walker
© 2019, MorningStar Music, 50-4064
SATB divisi, Piano

Unless You Lead Me, Love – M Psalms, John
Thomas Keesecker
© 2020, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-6556-2
SA(T)B, Piano

We Praise Thee, O God (Te Deum) – M Revelation
Douglas E. Wagner,
quoting *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
© 1988, Sacred Music Press, S-427
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Handbells, Brass, Timpani

-- Youth and Children --

Give Thanks to the Lord – E Psalms
Mark Patterson
© 2006, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-2384-5
SAB, Keyboard, opt. Flute

Feed My Lambs – E John
Natalie Sleeth
© 1972, C. Fischer, CM7777
Unison, Keyboard, 2 opt. Flutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

Though you are worthy of trumpets and the song of angels, you graciously receive our daily prayers of whispered words and mundane habits. Enable us, Lord, to love you with all that we are and in all that we do. Teach us how we might truly pray without ceasing. Amen.

— COMMON PRAYER: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals
Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Enuma Okoro

If we are blinded by darkness, we are also blinded by light.

— ANNIE DILLARD, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Revelation 5:11-14)

- One: We gather today, joining our voices with the multitudes that surround the throne singing with full voice,
- Many: "Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**
- One: We join all creatures in heaven and on earth singing,
- Many: "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**
- All: *Amen! Let us worship God together!***

— Brittany Stillwell*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Acts 9:1-6)

- One: God who sees:
Too often we breathe threats and murder against your people just by being in a system that threatens and murders.
- Many: *Forgive us. Help us to see.***
- One: We persecute you by oppressing and persecuting others.
- Many: *Forgive us. Help us to see.***
- One: The light of your truth is so bright we cannot see...
we choose not to see.
- Many: *Forgive us. Help us to see.***
- One: Bring us face to face with all that we do not see rightly.
- Many: *Make the scales fall from our eyes and help us to see.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(based on Psalm 30)

- One: God who hears:
We pray this honest prayer knowing that when we cry for help, we will be healed.
- Many: *You have turned our mourning into dancing, you have taken our sackcloth and clothed us with joy!***
- All: *Thanks be to God!***

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*Life of all life, and true Light of all light,
Star of the dawning, unchangingly bright,
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.*

— HORATIUS BONAR, 1858

from "*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(based on John 21:1-19)

Creator God,

You filled the sea with fish and the earth with all that we would need to live full,
abundant lives.

Thank you for loving us in ways we too often take for granted.

We give you thanks for the many ways you care for us:

For the gift of enough—

enough food and water to survive,
enough space to flourish,
enough work to busy our hands,
enough rest to make it through the day.

For the gift of plenty—

plenty of love for us and our children,
plenty of opportunity,
plenty of wealth to share,
plenty of time to spend on things we enjoy.

Christ who provides,

We are all too aware of the places where words like plenty and enough feel as
empty as the disciples' nets.

Places where hunger consumes and thirst threatens life.
Places where sanctuary is nowhere to be found and work means toil and strife.
Places where folks are weary from just trying to survive.
Places where love is cheap and must be earned,
where opportunity and wealth are directly related to education, class, race,
gender, and sexuality.
Places where time is dominated by pain and suffering.

Enlivening Spirit,

Come alongside your people today,

fill them to overflowing so that they might taste and see that you are God.

Help us to take seriously your call to feed your lambs and tend your sheep.

Grant us the courage to give up our plenty so that all might have enough.

Great Three-In-One,

Lead us in your truth, even when that means places we'd rather not go,
And help us to follow you. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

The call is simple and yet so very complex: Feed my lambs, tend my sheep. May we leave this
place filled to overflowing, so that we might share that love with all of God's children in tangible
and life-giving ways. May we heed Jesus' call to follow. Amen.

* Thanks to Brittany Stillwell for contributing this week's liturgies and prayers.

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