

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
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OF VICARAGES AND
DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS**



THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER
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Prelude

Easter Victory

By Charles Callahan

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461
Setting by John A. Behnke

Choir: I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

All: He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

Choir: He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

All: He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

Choir: He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

All: He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Psalm 148

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
C **praise him in the heights!**
P Praise him, all his angels;
C **praise him, all his hosts!**
- P** Praise him, sun and moon,
C **praise him, all you shining stars!**
P Praise him, you highest heavens,
C **and you waters above the heavens!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD!
C **For he commanded and they were created.**
P And he established them forever and ever;
C **he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P** Praise the LORD from the earth,
C **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**
P fire and hail, snow and mist,
C **stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** Mountains and all hills,
C **fruit trees and all cedars!**
P Beasts and all livestock,
C **creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**
P Young men and maidens together,
C **old men and children!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,
C **for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**
P He has raised up a horn for his people,
C **praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.**
Praise the LORD!
- C** **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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

1 John 5:1–4

L A reading from 1 John, the fifth chapter.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Text: Birgitte Katerine Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608.

Second Reading

John 15:1–11

- L** A reading from John, the 15th chapter.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

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

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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 † everlasting. Amen.

Sit





1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
 2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
 4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
 fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
 of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
 till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
 of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
 Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—
 Your Word alone our heart's defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

Text: tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, alt.; (st. 1): Philipp Melancthon, 1497–1560; (st. 1): German version *Geistliche Psalmen*, 1611, Nuremberg;
 (sts. 2–6): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92. Copyright © 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000082.
 Tune: *Geistliche Lieder D. Martini Lutheri*, 1589, Leipzig.

Sermon

Choral Response

Thee, Lord, Would I Serve

Text by Martin H. Franzmann
 Setting by Mark Bender

Thee, Lord, would I serve — yet how can I serve Thee?
 Cleanse my unclean lips — that I may praise Thee.
 Give me eyes unsealed to see Thy purpose.
 Give me strength of heart to love and serve my brothers.
 Let me hear at last “Well done, faithful servant.”

Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships

Stand

Canticle

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.
Tune: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, Vienna.

Prayers

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Choral Prayer

O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

Setting by Carl Schalk

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

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 has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide

By Jan Bender

Soli Deo Gloria

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