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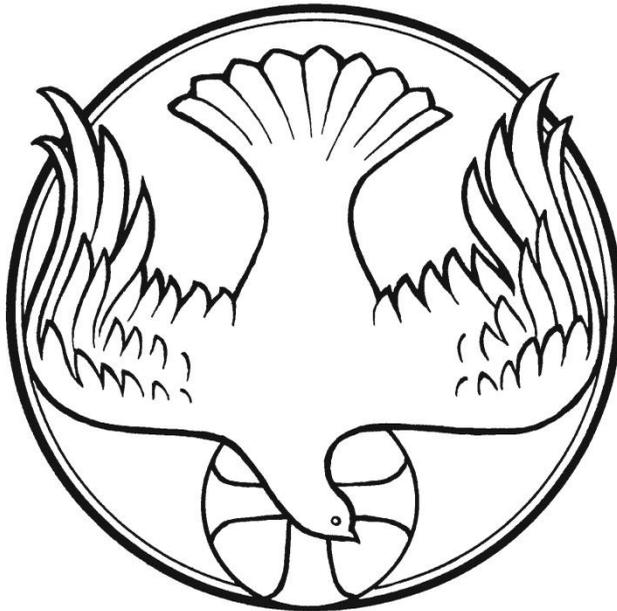
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**Matins  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020**

# ORDER OF MATINS

## Opening Hymn

## 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it  
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my  
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all  
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How  
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My  
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left  
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!  
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.  
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.  
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.

5 God said to His beloved Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.

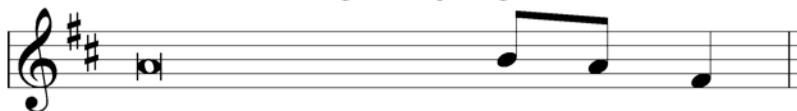
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever." Public domain

STAND

## VERICLES



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**G** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Advent:* Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## PSALMODY

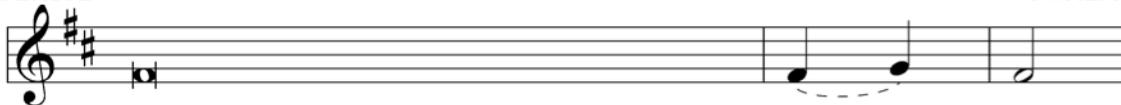
### Antiphon (Common)



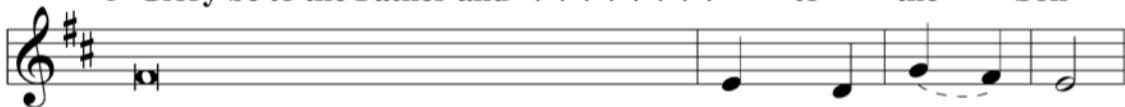
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**VENITE****PSALM 95:1-7**

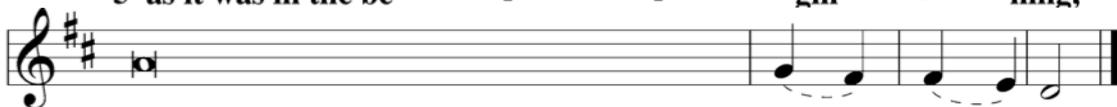
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**Antiphon (Common)**

- L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**OFFICE HYMN****556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE**

**6** The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
 Was born of virgin mother;  
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
 He came to be my brother.  
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
 To lead the devil captive.

**7** To me He said: "Stay close to Me,  
 I am your rock and castle.  
 Your ransom I Myself will be;  
 For you I strive and wrestle.  
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
 And where I am you may remain;  
 The foe shall not divide us.

**8** "Though he will shed My precious blood,  
 Me of My life bereaving,  
 All this I suffer for your good;  
 Be steadfast and believing.  
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
 My innocence shall bear your sin,  
 And you are blest forever.

**9** "Now to My Father I depart,  
 From earth to heav'n ascending,  
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
 The Holy Spirit sending;  
 In trouble He will comfort you  
 And teach you always to be true  
 And into truth shall guide you.

**10** "What I on earth have done and taught  
 Guide all your life and teaching;  
 So shall the kingdom's work be wrought  
 And honored in your preaching.  
 But watch lest foes with base alloy  
 The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
 This final word I leave you." Public domain

**READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE****First Reading*****Acts 17:16–31***

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

<sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring." <sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

***1 Peter 3:13–22***

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Third Reading**

***John 14:15–21, 25–26***

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,  
<sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor  
knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will  
see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will  
know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments  
and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I  
will love him and manifest myself to him."

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy  
Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your  
remembrance all that I have said to you.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORY

**Lent**

***1 John 2:1–2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1***

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**SERMON**

**"Ever-Ready"**

***John 14:15–21, 25–26***

**CANTICLE**

*Stand*

# TE DEUM (*WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD*)



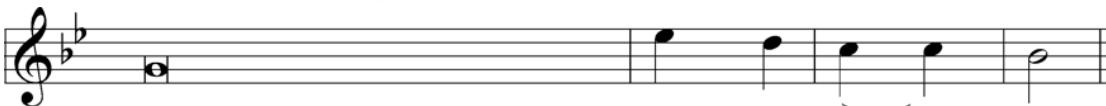
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowledge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The godly fellowship of the . . . . . proph - ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 6 to . . . . . be our judge.



7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

*Sit*

**Offering** (The congregation is encouraged to give generously. Please mail your offering to the church or use the online option at available from our web site – [www.rlcarkcity.com](http://www.rlcarkcity.com))

# PRAYER

*Kneel/Stand*

## KYRIE

**MARK 10:47**



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**MATTHEW 6:9–13**

## SALUTATION

**2 TIMOTHY 4:22**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

After each collect

P: ...through Jesus Christ , our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## COLLECT FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, ... one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Stand*

## BENEDICAMUS

*PSALM 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*2 CORINTHIANS 13:14*



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God

**L** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



**C** A - men.

➡➡➡➡➡SEE CLOSING HYMN ON LAST PAGE➡➡➡➡➡

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Gladys Brack, Hunter Bushnell, Millie Cluff, Rita Darkow, Jeff Hoag, Linda Juden (Sherri Mulanix's stepsister), Fern Knocke, Sue Krueger, Jeff Myers, Teri Pressnell, Dorothy Rush, Shari Snodgrass, Julie Snyder, Pat Stevens, Barb Sweet, Diana Trent, Craig Turner, Brian Tharp, Renee Hoover, Lois Faber, Elizabeth Herald, Marilyn Marris, Brent Wadleigh, Kari Crow Austin, Becky Meyer.

**Sunday School Summary** – This week, we will study “A Deacon Delivers” in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, “Who helps us understand Scripture today?”

- Please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office or Pastor Herald with any concerns during this time.

- Reach out to each other, and pass along any needs of which you become aware.
- Check our website ([rlcarkcity.com](http://rlcarkcity.com)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/rlcarkcity](https://facebook.com/rlcarkcity)) pages regularly for resources to help you stay connected to God's Word.
- If you haven't already, consider following the Redeemer Faithlife page ([faithlife.com/rlcarkcity](http://faithlife.com/rlcarkcity)). We're adding resources for Sunday School, Bible study, daily devotions, catechesis, and other educational endeavors. It's also a forum to ask and answer questions about the Christian faith. (Faithlife also presently facilitates our online giving option.) And if you use Logos for Bible study, your Faithlife documents integrate into the software. Sign up for a free account and follow the Redeemer page!

## Closing Hymn

## 816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies      Let the Cre - a - tor's  
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;      E - ter - nal truth at -  
 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,      All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise;      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 tends Thy Word.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Son, to Thee.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung      Through ev - 'ry land by  
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore      Till suns shall rise and  
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore      For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 set no more.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er - more:      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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