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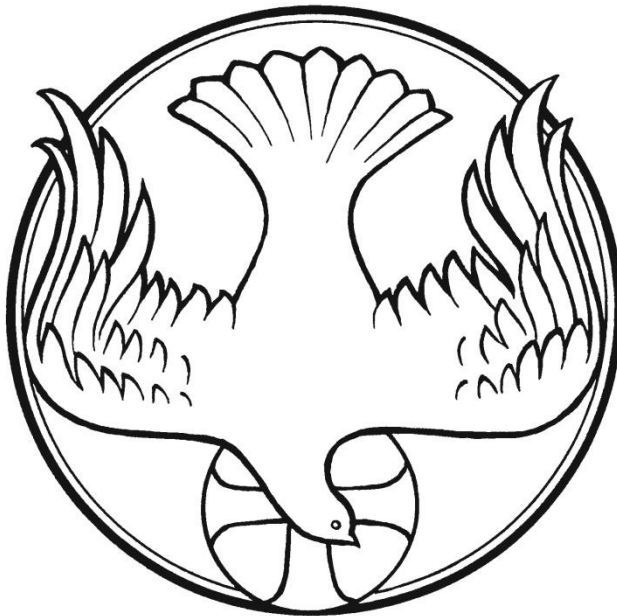
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**Matins
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020**

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

VERSCLES

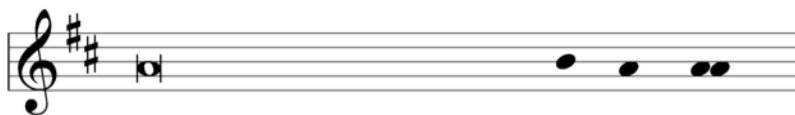


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalms 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

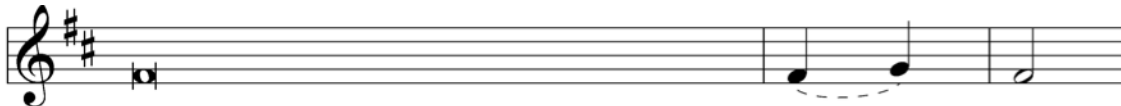
Antiphon (Common)



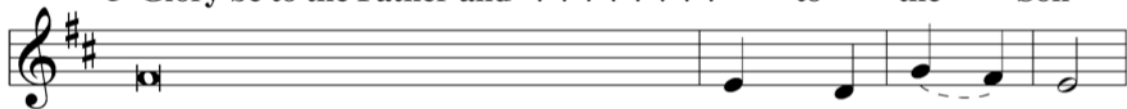
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



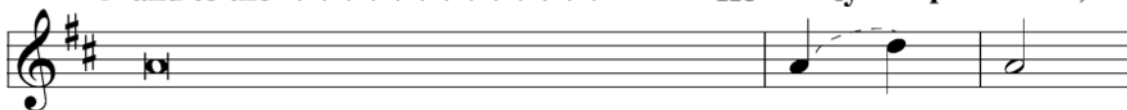
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE**PSALM 95:1-7**

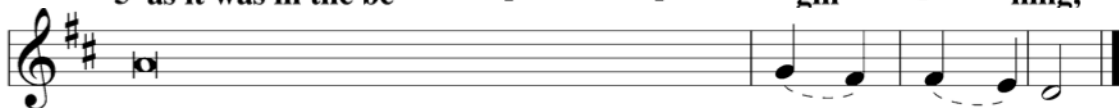
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 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

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.

556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

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

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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. ¹⁸Some 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. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷that 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, ²⁸for "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.' ²⁹Being 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. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who 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

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

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,
¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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."

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But 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*)



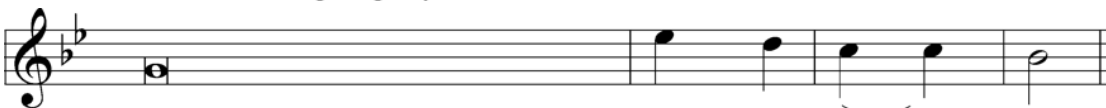
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



- 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;



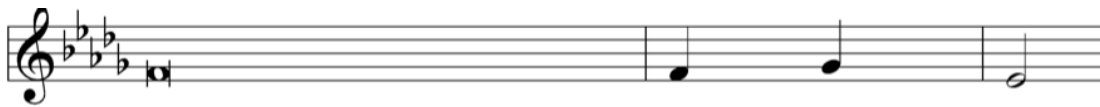
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



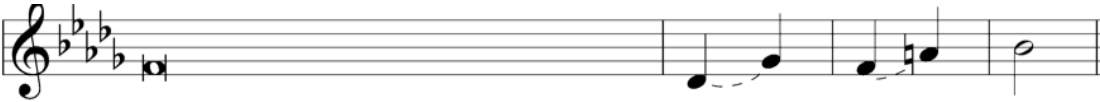
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



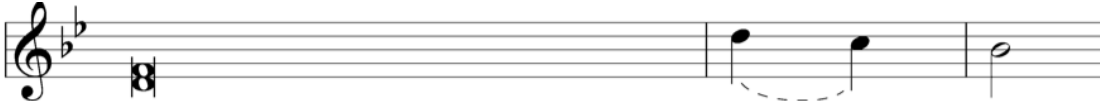
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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)

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 Marrs, 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) and Facebook (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). 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!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!