

C: I suffered distress and anguish.

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C: our God is merciful.

P: The LORD preserves the simple;

C: when I was brought low, he saved me.

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest;

C: for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

P: For you have delivered my soul from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P: I will walk before the LORD

C: in the land of the living.

P: I believed, even when I spoke:

C: "I am greatly afflicted";

P: I said in my alarm,

C: "All mankind are liars."

P: What shall I render to the LORD

C: for all his benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the LORD,

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD

C: in the presence of all his people.

ALL: 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.

Collect: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You have raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through the same

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Reading

(A brief meditation upon the Scripture reading may follow)

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

The Offertory: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.

The Prayers

The Service of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... therefore with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

The Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth, the whole earth is full of your glory! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The distribution

P: The true body and true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will strengthen and preserve you in the true faith until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and ✠ give you his peace.

C: Amen.

Third Easter Sunday

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Since we are assembled in this place to hear God's Word and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us consider our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize also that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sin or its terrible consequences. Therefore, we appeal to God's infinite mercy, seeking and imploring his grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and pleading, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

C: Merciful Father, I have erred and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed the wicked desires of my own heart. I have offended against you, your laws, and my neighbors. I have done things I should not have done, and I have left undone things I should have done; and I am completely without excuse. O Lord, have mercy on me. For the sake of your Son, Jesus, whose sacrificial death takes away the sins of the world, forgive me of my sin. Then, dear Father, lift me up, fill me with your good Spirit, strengthen my faith with your Word, and empower me to walk in your ways. Amen.

P: As you believe, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm 116:1-14

P: I love the LORD,

C: because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;