

Quasi Modo Geniti, the First Sunday after Easter

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Epiphany Lutheran Church

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THE OFFICE OF MATINS



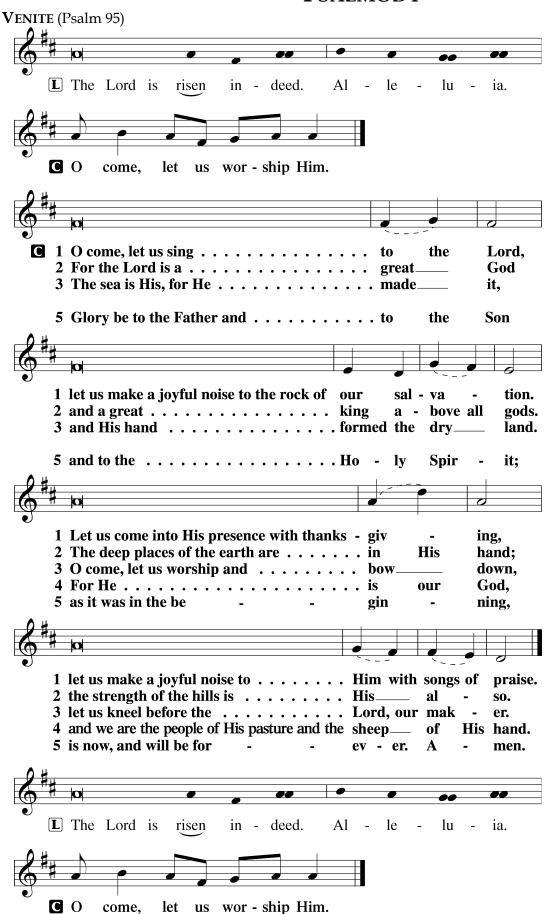
- 5 The world against me rages,
 Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages,
 Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free,
 No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through. He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal
 That lead to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified.





The Incredulity of St. Thomas, from the Maesta Altarpiece Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255-1319)

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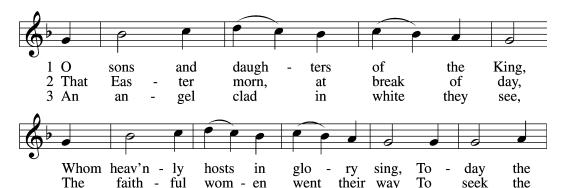
PSALM 81 (antiphon: v. 10b)

- P Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- P Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.
- Raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute.
- P Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day.
- **©** For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.
- This He established in Joseph as a testimony, when He went throughout the land of Egypt, where I heard a language I did not understand.
- "I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the baskets.
- P You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me!
- P There shall be no foreign god among you; nor shall you worship any foreign god.
- I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- But My people would not heed My voice, and Israel would have none of Me.
- **©** So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, to walk in their own counsels.
- P "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!
- I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn My hand against their adversaries.
- The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him, but their fate would endure forever.
- **C** He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; and with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."
- 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.
- P Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.



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4 That night th'apostles met in fear; Among them came their Master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

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- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

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the three,

- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia! to refrain

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READINGS

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.""

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."" So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.'"

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:4-10

Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING John 20:19-31

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

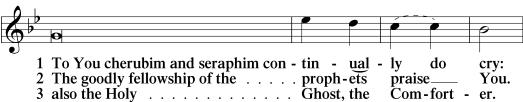
And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

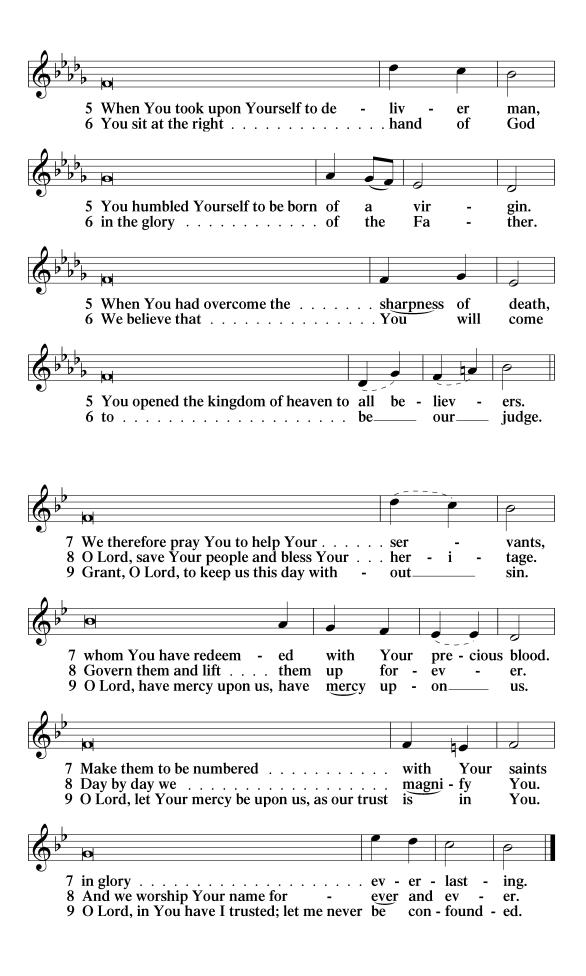




- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise_
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on ly Son;
- Christ;



- 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa ther.



PRAYER





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

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

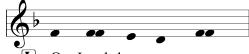
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS



O Lord, hear my prayer.



• And let my cry come to You.

P Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits of the same in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we who celebrate Your Paschal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



