# + THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY +

**Divine Service One** 

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +



### INVOCATION

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P In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# **EXHORTATION**

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

# ABSOLUTION

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

# INTROIT

The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,\* **and all the peoples see his** | **glory.** For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;\* **you are exalted far a-** | **bove all gods.** 

The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;\*

let the many coast- | lands be glad!

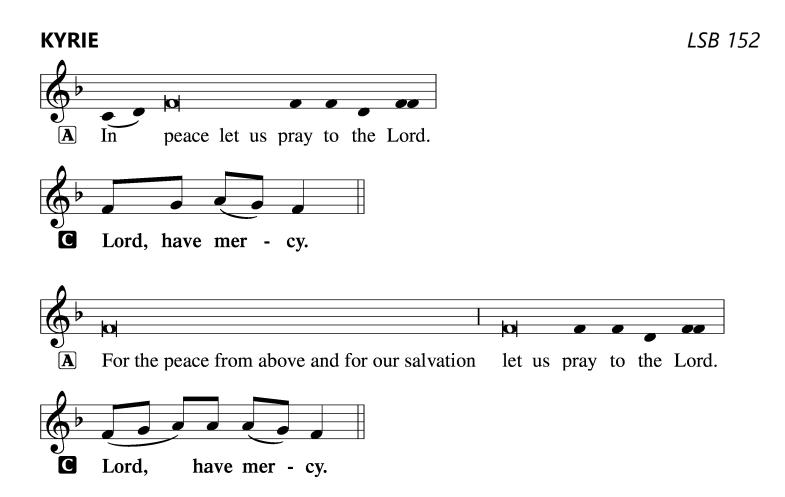
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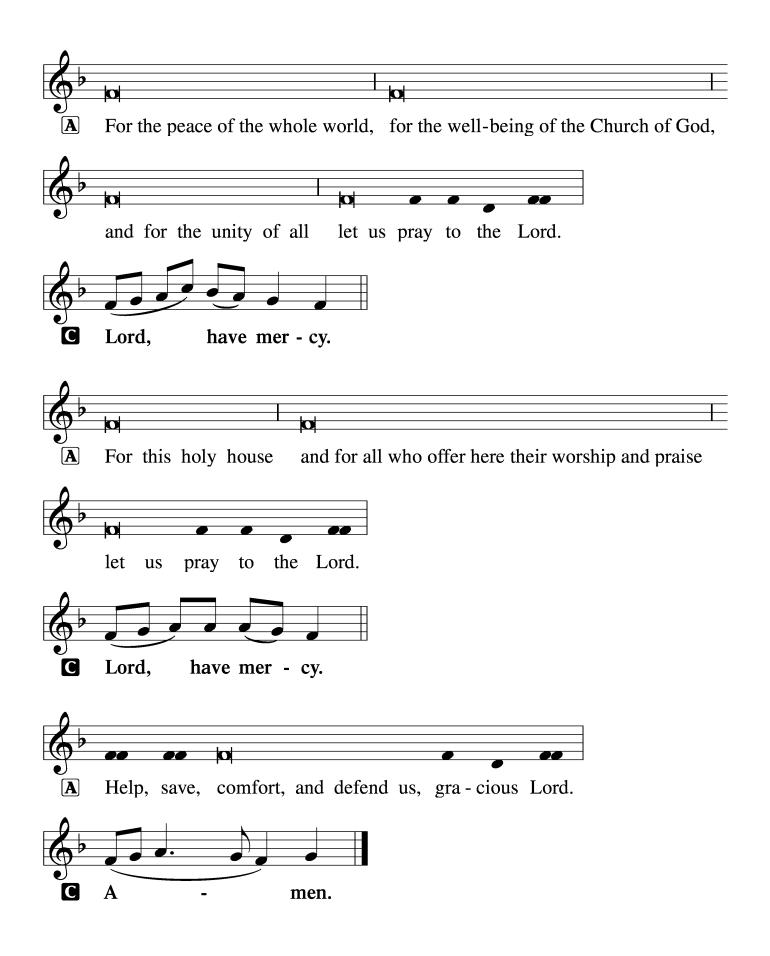
O you who love the LORD, hate | evil!\*

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the | wicked.

Light is sown for the | righteous,\*

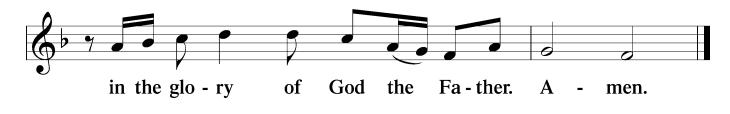
and joy for the up- | right in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,\*
and give thanks to his | holy name!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,\*
and all the peoples see his | glory.
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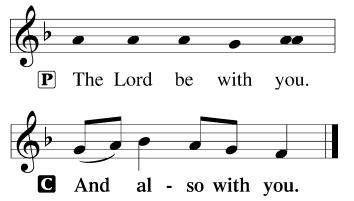




You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,







P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **OLD TESTAMENT**

2 Kings 5:1–15

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

Romans 12:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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- **C** Thanks be to God.



# HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 8:1–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

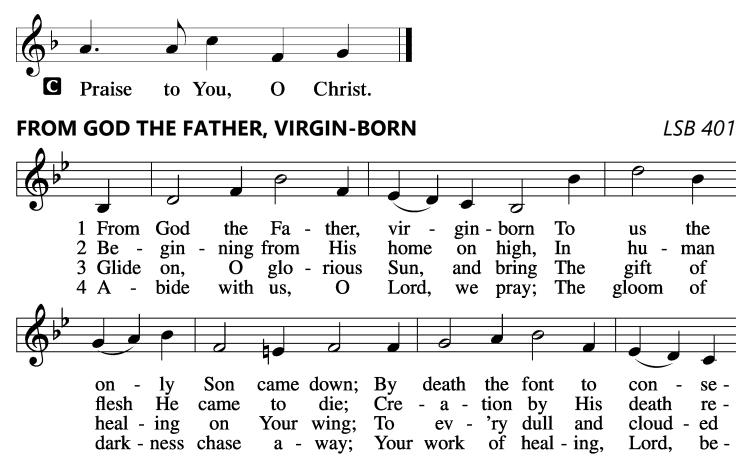


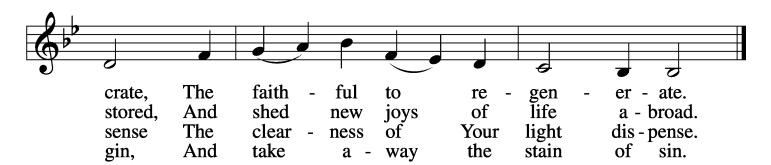
<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup>And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>"Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering

terribly." <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





- Lord, once You came to earth's domain 5 And, we believe, shall come again; Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
- To You, O Lord, all glory be  $\wedge 6$ For this Your blest epiphany; To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore. Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt Tune: Antiphoner, 1753, Grenoble

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# SERMON

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, C 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.

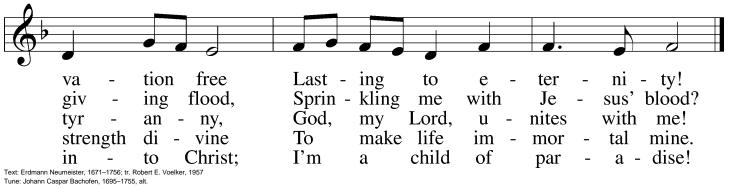
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### OFFERING



GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT LSB 594 Ι child, glad - ly 1 God's own say it: Ι am bap-tized 2 Sin, my long - er: bap-tized dis turb Ι soul no am proc - la - ma - tion: 3 Sa bap-tized hear this Ι tan. am 4 Death, my glad-ness: bap-tized you can not end Ι am noth - ing 5 There worth com-par - ing this life-long is To to Christ! He, be cause Ι could it, in not pay ven strong-er: in to Christ! Ι have com - fort e ug ly ac - cu - sa - tion. in \_ to Christ! Drop your to Christ! When die. in Ι Ι leave all sad - ness com - fort sure! 0 pen eved my grave is star - ing: Gave full demp - tion price. re -Do I need earth's my ri - fice. sus' cleans - ing Should a guilt - y Je sac \_ \_ Ι am not SO soon en - ticed. Now that to the her - it Though То in par a - dise! Ι lie in my flesh E there I'll Though ven sleep se - cure. \_ a man - y? worth Ι have sures one trea -Since science seize Bap tism con me my I've might font trav eled. All has your Faith's dust and ash es as sur ance \_ Still waits its rais soul ing, my con brought That than an sal more - y me did re - lease In dear for me a \_ un - rav - eled, gainst And, come your a ly flash - es: has bright \_ Bap tism the \_ ues prais - ing: Ι tized tin am bap -



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#### 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.

#### COLLECT

#### BENEDICTION

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 favor and + give you peace.

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