Sola Publishing- Worship Worksheet

Easter 3

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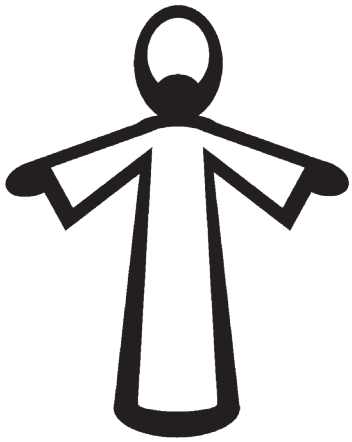
Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)



Themes of wonder and amazement pervade the readings for the Third Sunday of Easter. There is power in Jesus' name, as is seen through the healing of a lame beggar. The power to heal did not come from Peter and John, but from God alone. The disciples are simply instruments of God's wondrous works among the people. John reminds us in his first letter that we are all adopted into the family of God which makes us bearers of the good news of Christ and instruments of his awesome power.

This Week's Scripture Texts

First Lesson: Acts 3:11-21 **Healing of a Lame Man Brings Wonder**

Following a miraculous healing, Peter attracted a crowd and seized the opportunity to interpret what happened in light of faith in the name of Jesus. Giving glory to God for the healing, Peter then preached the good news that Jesus was, in fact, the Messiah and called those gathered to repent and turn to God.

Psalm 4 **The Lord Hears Our Cries**

Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself. Trusting in God we can lie down and sleep in peace.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7 **We are God's Children**

John declares the immense magnitude of God's love by telling his readers that we are God's children now. This adoption and new identity is not something for which we must wait. Nor is it something which we can earn, but it is God's lavish gift to us in our present reality. While what we will be at Christ's return is still unknown, this new reality as children of God is an unalterable fact of our identity.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-49 **Jesus Eats With the Disciples**

The resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples bringing them his peace. He opened their minds to the scriptures so they understood that what had happened in his death and resurrection was a necessary fulfillment of the scriptures. Jesus then promised the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses in all nations once they had received the Holy Spirit.

Suggestions for the Day:

- *Liturgical Color: White or Gold*
- *Use the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise in the Easter season.*
- *Use the Nicene Creed during this festival season.*
- *Our worries can cause us great anxiety. The psalmist reminds us that the Lord hears our cries and protects us. We have nothing to worry about with God on our side; he will allow us to have clear minds during the day and rest peacefully in him at night.*
- *Only Jesus gives us true peace. We look for it in many places, but his peace is connected to salvation. God's holy Word leads us to that longed for peace, which is why Jesus helped the disciples to understand it.*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	352	---	461	619	274	274
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
This Joyful Eastertide	149	676	482	391	---	---
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	158	---	821	577	154	154
Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode	450	---	714	---	---	---
Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide	---	---	585	---	---	---
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	543	---	790	858	11	11
Like the Golden Sun Ascending	---	---	---	---	156	156
With High Delight Let Us Unite	140	---	483	368	---	---
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	---	711	641	484	---	---

The hymn suggestions listed above are from various worship books: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, W&P = Worship & Praise, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress), LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), and REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources).

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles:

Homecoming
(CCLI# 7183255)

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)
(CCLI# 7017786)

You Loved Me First
(CCLI# 7147727)

In Christ Alone
(CCLI# 3350395)

Christ Be Magnified
(CCLI# 7139866)

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