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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalter, Week III

Evening Prayer I

HYMN, 536.

Ant. 1 The Lord our God is high above the heave,
he raises up the lowly from the dust, alleluia.

Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week III, 1355.

Ant. 2 Lord, you have broken the chains that held
me bound; I will offer you a sacrifice of praise,
alleluia.

Ant. 3 Though he was the Son of God, Christ learned
obedience through suffering; and for all who
obey him, he has become the source of life,
alleluia.

READING *1 Peter 2:9-10*

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works" of the One who called you from darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once there was no mercy for you, but now you have found mercy.

RESPONSORY

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.
— The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

When they saw the risen Lord,
— alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father . . .
— The disciples rejoiced . . .

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws near and
daylight is fading, alleluia.

Evening Prayer I

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INTERCESSIONS

Christ is our life and resurrection. Let us cry out to
him with faith:

Son of the living God, protect your people.

Lord Jesus, we pray for your Catholic Church,
— make it holy, so that your kingdom may be estab-
lished among all nations.

We pray for the sick and the sorrowful, for those in
bondage and in exile,
— that they may receive consolation and help.

We pray for those who have turned away from your
paths,
— that they may experience the grace of your forgive-
ness and the joy of rising to new life.

Crucified and risen Savior, you will come to judge the
world,
— have mercy on us sinners.

We pray for all the living,
— and for all who have gone from us in the hope of
resurrection.

Our Father . . .

Prayer

God our Father,
may we look forward with hope to our resurrection,
for you have made us your sons and daughters,
and restored the joy of our youth.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Alternative Prayer

Father in heaven, author of all truth,
a people once in darkness has listened to your Word

and followed your Son as he rose from the tomb.
 Hear the prayer of this newborn people
 and strengthen your Church to answer your call.
 May we rise and come forth into the light of day
 to stand in your presence until eternity dawns.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Office of Readings

My whole body rejoices, alleluia.

— With all my strength I will praise my God, alleluia.

FIRST READING

From the book of Revelation

6:1-17

The Lamb opens the seals of the book of God

I, John, watched while the Lamb broke open the first of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures cry out in a voice like thunder, "Come forward!" To my surprise I saw a white horse; its rider had a bow, and he was given a crown. He rode forth victorious, to conquer yet again.

When the Lamb broke open the second seal, I heard the second living creature cry out, "Come forward!" Another horse came forth, a red one. Its rider was given power to rob the earth of peace by allowing men to slaughter one another. For this he was given a huge sword.

When the Lamb broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature cry out, "Come forward!" This time I saw a black horse, the rider of which held a pair of scales in his hand. I heard what seemed to be a voice coming from in among the four living creatures. It said: "A day's pay for a ration of wheat and the same for three of barley! But spare the olive oil and the wine!"