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## Third Sunday of Easter

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### INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

**P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

**P** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness (1 John 3:4). We have sinned against God in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as God's people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin" (1 John 3:5). 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.

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- ❖ Who Killed the Author of Life?
  - The Jews
  - Jewish Leaders
  - Romans: Pilate, King Herod, Soldiers
  - God
    - The Holy and Righteous One lived for us
    - The Author of Life died for us
  - You and I
- ❖ God raised Jesus from the dead
  - To give life to all without distinction
  - To give forgiveness of sins
- ❖ Proclaim the Gospel to all

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