

The Divine Service

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

AS WE GATHER

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can "see what kind of love the Father has given to us" (1 John 3:1).

CALL TO WORSHIP/CHECK IN

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4-5; 16:11b

Pastor: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

People: **Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
People: **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

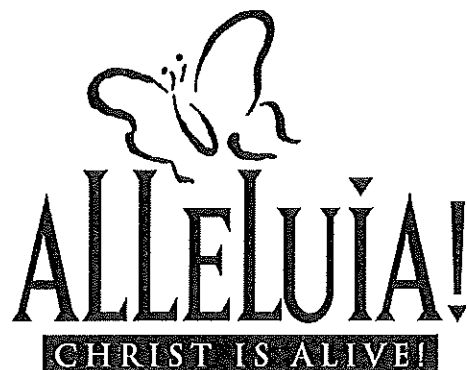
Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,
People: **and give thanks to His holy name.**

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
People: **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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.**

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
People: **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Pastor: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 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. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Resurrection Hymn"

Youth ensemble



1. See, ___ what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
 2. See ___ Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where ___ is He laid?" As in
 3. One ___ with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



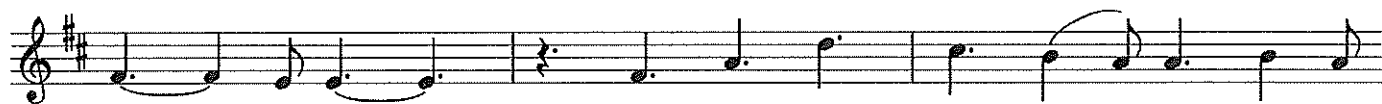
dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes,
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears ___ a voice speak - ing,
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty, hon - our and bless - ing,



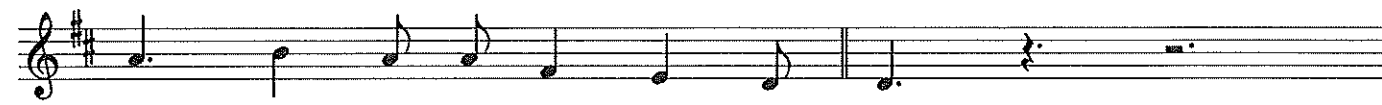
tomb ___ filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce Christ is ris - en! ___
 call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life ___ a - gain! ___
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty! ___



See God's sal - va - tion ___ plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, ___ paid in
 The voice that spans the ___ years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, ___ bring - ing
 And we are raised with ___ Him, death is dead, love has won, ___ Christ has



sa - cri - fice, ___ ful - filled in Christ, the ___ Man, for He
 peace ___ to us, ___ will sound till He ap - pears, for He
 con - quered; - And we shall reign with ___ Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-7

Reader: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears^[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Soloist: Now Christ is raised up from death, he will never die again. All who follow his way shall have life in him: Hallelujah, hallelujah. Refrain All.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Father Welcomes"

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Refrain



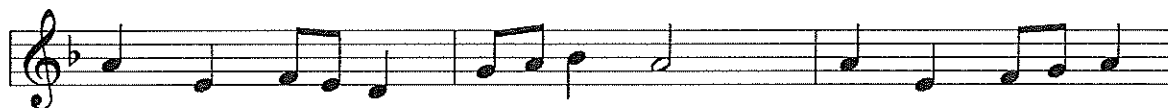
Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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SERMON

"God's Kids"

Pastor Billy Brath

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, 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, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

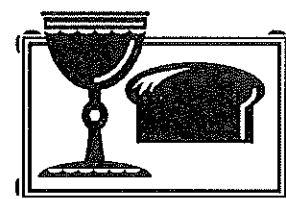
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

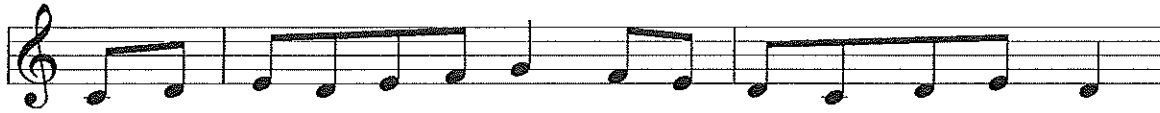
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE LAMB

VERSE 1

The Lamb the Lamb
O Father where's the sacrifice
Faith sees believes
God will provide the Lamb of price

CHORUS

Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own
The Lamb is reigning on His throne

VERSE 2

The Lamb the Lamb
One perfect final offering
The Lamb the Lamb
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing

VERSE 3

The Lamb the Lamb
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still His will
On our behalf the law to fill

VERSE 4

He sighs He dies
He takes my sin and wretchedness
He lives forgives
He gives me His own righteousness

VERSE 5

He rose He rose
My heart with thanks now overflows
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Father's House"
"How He Loves"

Youth Ensemble

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN "My Redeemer Lives"

VERSE

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe

PRE-CHORUS

I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

CHORUS

My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives

BRIDGE

You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come

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EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Christ indeed has been raised from the dead.

People: Christ is risen!

Pastor: He is risen indeed!

People: Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: Disciples making disciples.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Amen!

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