

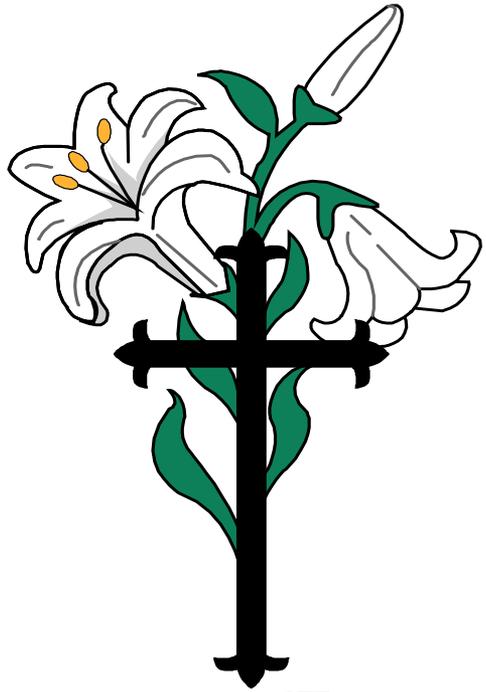
*The Third
Sunday
of Easter*

April 18, 2021

Prelude

Entrance Hymn Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center,

telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory:

Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;

life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!

Easter Greeting

P: Christ is risen!

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Amen.

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God
who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which
he gives to us be with you all.*

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

**C: Loving God, following his resurrection your Son
returned, opened the minds of his disciples and sent
them out to witness to your faithfulness to your Word to
us in all things. We ask that you send your Spirit upon
us now, that our hearts and minds will be opened to your
Word, that in our faith we will witness to your**

**faithfulness to us in all that we do and say. We pray this
in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 3:1-26

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter's Sermon

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people:

"You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is

through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

Moses said,

'The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out of the people.'

And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham,

'And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 4

*Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.*

**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

*But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.*

**When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. R**

*Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.*

**There are many who say,
"O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

*You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.*

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. R**

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

P: Spread the Good News over all the earth!

C: Jesus has died and is risen!

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about how Jesus had appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and also to Peter, Jesus himself stood among them.

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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be heralded in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia 364

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain:

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;

Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst

Until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo;

And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain*

The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain*

"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*

Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Prayers

Benediction

Dismissal

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