



# 3rd Sunday of Easter

## + Sunday, April 18, 2021 +

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### Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Psalmody

*Psalm 4*

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.

**C: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

L: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

**C: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

L: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

**C: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

L: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**C: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"**

L: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**C: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- [1] All the earth with joy is sounding:  
Christ has risen from the dead!  
He, the greater Jonah, bounding  
From the grave, His three-day bed,  
Wins the prize: death's demise--  
Songs of triumph fill the skies.
- [2] Christ, the devil's might unwinding,  
Leaves behind His borrowed tomb.  
Stronger He, the strong man binding,  
Takes, disarms his house of doom;  
In the rout casting out  
Pow'rs of darkness, sin, and doubt.
- [3] Jesus, author of salvation,  
Shared in our humanity;  
Crowned with radiant exaltation  
Now He shares His victory!  
From His face shines the grace  
Meant for all our fallen race.
- [4] Praise the Lord, His reign commences,  
Reign of life and liberty--  
Paschal Lamb, for our offenses,  
Slain and raised to set us free!  
Evermore bow before  
Christ, the Lord of Life adore!

**New Testament****Acts 3:11-21**

*While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 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? 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. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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. And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 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.”*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

**1 John 3:1-7**

*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. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides*

*in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

**Luke 24:36-49**

*As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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."*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

- [1] The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
- [2] Our hearts be purged of evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.
- [3] Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen;  
Our joy shall have no end!
- [4] All praise to God the Father,  
All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory; Ascribe to God alone!

**Sermon** (video available <https://youtu.be/y208kZOuxzc>)

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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.**

### **Collect**

**L: 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.**

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[1] The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

[2] The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

[3] The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

[4] He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

[5] Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!