

The Order of Service: The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Prelude *Chant modale*

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Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn *Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

Alleluia No. 1

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading *Acts 3:12-19 (people muted)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Video – *Rest In You: Psalm 4*

Work of the People

A Reading *1 John 3:1-7 (people muted)*

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Cantate Domino*

Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino, canticum novum:

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus:

Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,

In omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his name:

Announce his salvation from day to day.

Announce among the nations his glory,

And his wonders to all peoples.

The Gospel *Luke 24:36b-48 (people muted)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. 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 proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *(people muted)*

Silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

Music *Higher Ground*

Arr. Grace Kim
Emma McAllister (Violin), George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

Affirmation of Faith *(people muted)*

**We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.**

**Our God is the mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.**

**We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.**

(Source: *Celtic Daily Prayer*, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)

Anthem *O sing to the Lord!*

Dorothy K. Bunday
Blair Webb, Soloist

O sing to the Lord. The Lord is my rock;
The Lord is my rock, the strength of my life.

O rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him.
Trust in his goodness; hope in his promises.
Praise his name with a song; Give thanks before the Lord.

O sing to the Lord.
O sing to the Lord, our God!

The Prayers of the People

*(people muted; please hold down your space bar for the response: **Peace be with them.**)*

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader Risen Lord, you greeted all you met with a word of peace; give us your Spirit to pray
for peace for all people.

For those infected with the novel Corona Virus, and for the medical professionals caring for them:
Peace be with them.

For those who have lost their jobs or have closed their businesses, and for those working in service
jobs, public safety, and healthcare under often unsafe conditions:
Peace be with them.

For those suffering from anxiety and loneliness due to physical distancing:
Peace be with them.

For those who work at the centers of power and those who live on the margins:
Peace be with them.

For those overcome by war, violence, and degradation:
Peace be with them.

For those possessed by envy, rage, and hatred:
Peace be with them.

For those overwhelmed by stress, isolation, fear, illness, loss, and despair:
Peace be with them.

For those who desecrate the earth and those who cherish creation:
Peace be with them.

For those held down by sin and those lifted up by grace:
Peace be with them.

For those who have betrayed our trust and for those we have wronged:
Peace be with them.

For our friends and all who warm us with love:
Peace be with them.

For those who show God's love by caring for God's people and all creation:
Peace be with them.

For those who have died, especially ...

Peace be with them.

For those whose joys and concerns we now raise up in prayer and thanksgiving.

(please unmute yourself to add your prayers and thanksgivings at this time)

For those we have named aloud and those we hold in our hearts:

Peace be with them.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem *Bread of life from heaven (Pan de vida eterna)*

Argentine folk melody
arr. Marty Haugen

Pan de vida eterna, nos das tu cuerpo y sangre.
Hasta que vuelvas, O Señor,
comemos en tu amor.

Love as the One who, in love for you,
Gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the One who is food for you,
That your hunger and thirst be no more.

Pan de vida eterna, nos das tu cuerpo y sangre.
Hasta que vuelvas, O Señor,
comemos en tu amor.

Take in the light that will never dim,
Taste the life that is stronger than death.
Live in the One who will come
And then raise you up at the last with the blest.

Pan de vida eterna, nos das tu cuerpo y sangre.
Hasta que vuelvas, O Señor,
comemos en tu amor.

Dwell in the One who now dwells in you;
Make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
And believe in the truth you have heard.

Pan de vida eterna, nos das tu cuerpo y sangre.
Hasta que vuelvas, O Señor,
comemos en tu amor.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and people unmuted:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people unmuted:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*Please unmute and join in praying together*)

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Video *At the table*

Work of the People

Anthem *My Good Lord's done been here*

Traditional spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

Blair Webb, Soloist

My good Lord's done been here,
blest my soul, and gone away.
My good Lord's done been here,
blest my soul, and gone.
Never did I think that He was so nigh,
blest my soul, and gone.
He spoke and He made me laugh and cry,
blest my soul and gone.

My good Lord's done been here,
blest my soul, and gone away.
My good Lord's done been here,
blest my soul, and gone.

Sinner better min' how you walk on the cross,
blest my soul and gone;
Your foot might slip and your soul get lost,
blest my soul and gone.

My good Lord's done been here,
blest my soul and gone away.
My good Lord's done been here,
blest my soul and gone away.

Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays

Blessing of the People

May God, who has named you,
bless you, reminding you who you are:
a beloved child of God.

May Jesus, who walks with us,
bless us, calling us from fear to peace.

May the Spirit, who energizes all creation,
bless us, opening us to possibilities of new life. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude *He is exalted*

Arr. Lloyd Larson
Dr. Gukhui Han