

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It is our prayer that this will be a time of worship and renewal for you, when you will encounter the living God revealed in Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

GATHERING AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN "Thine is the Glory" (v 1&2) ELW 376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

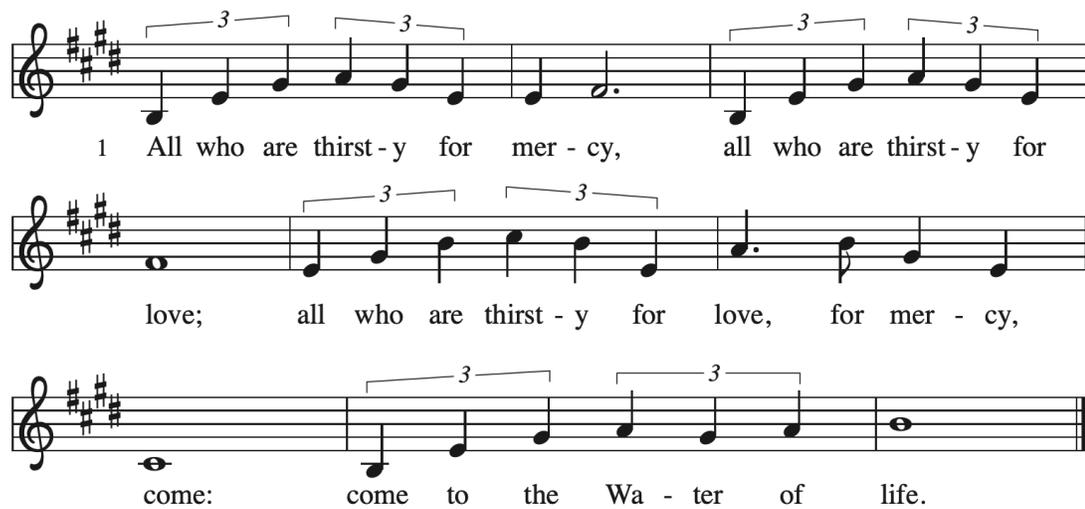
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The pianist plays ACS 955 through once, instrumental only, while the water is poured.

"Come to the Water of Life" ACS 955



1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for
love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.**

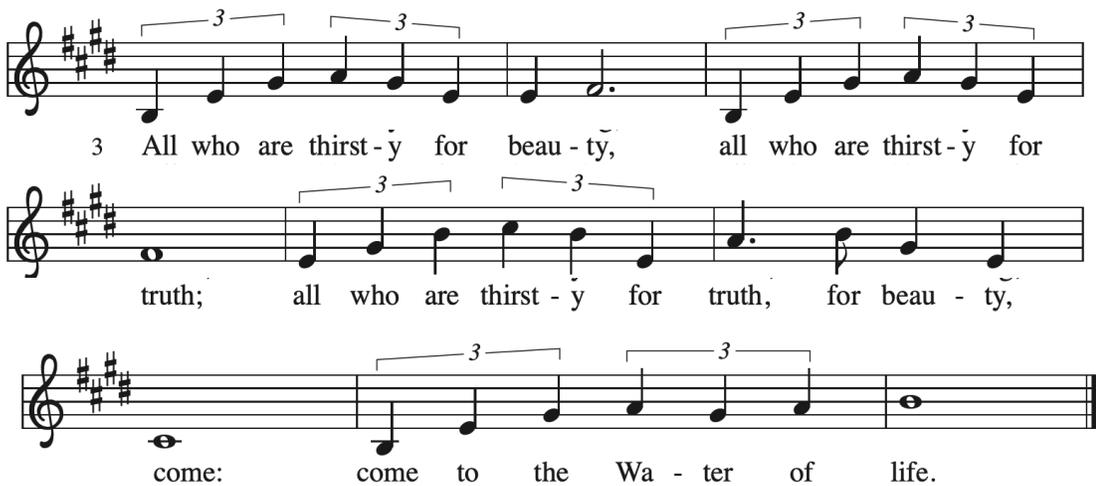
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

**At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**



2 All who are thirst-y for heal-ing, all who are thirst-y for touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal-ing, come: come to the Wa-ter of life.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
 in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
 like rains to our thirsting earth,
 like streams that revive our souls,
 like cups of cool water shared with strangers.



3 All who are thirst-y for beau-ty, all who are thirst-y for truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau-ty, come: come to the Wa-ter of life.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
 Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
 Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for

peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
 Cleanse our hearts.
 Shower us with life.
 To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY PKC

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

[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."

God's story, your story.
Thanks be to God.

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW 172

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.

SECOND READING 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.

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GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus himself 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 our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy, in the midst of our doubts and fears, questions and wondering, you come to us, arms wide open in love and grace. Open our hearts and minds as we hear your Word so that the church embodies love, repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, as the earth brings forth new life, may all you've created in love and delight, direct us to you. Bring healing to your creation where it's needed and as the farmers begin to prepare the land, bring gentle rain and sunshine. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your loving kindness to those who lead and to those who follow. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you are the giver of Life and you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. In your compassion, bring healing and wholeness to the sick and suffering, especially we pray for Myrtle, Sharla, Debi, Renee, Marion, Arne, Eva, Olai, Dave and Trudy, Carolyn, Lyle and Marlene, Olivia, Syd, Pastor Dick and Jan, Corrie, Patrick, Klaus, Shirley, Eowyn, Catherine, Grace, Lilian, Margaret, Mary, Clayton, Montgomery, Rosemary, Landon, Shellene, Judy and Ron, and Miriam. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Giver of Hope, wrap your loving arms around all who are grieving today, especially we pray for Olai Egeland and family as they mourn the death of Susie.

We give thanks for the life and service of Prince Phillip, and ask that you be a source of strength to Queen Elizabeth and family and all who mourn his passing.

Assure them and us of the peace and promise of eternal life that you have promised, through your Son, Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heavenly Father, you have given us such love that we should be called your children. We give thanks for your steadfast presence wherever we are and wherever we worship. Bless Neil Horvey and Renae Hougan and those who pray for others. Reveal yourself to us so that we, in this community of faith, will become more and more like you in mutual love and witness. May we live your words of peace each day, trusting in your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all times and ages, those who have died now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." This word of peace is for us, too.

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

A video loop will invite people to participate in sharing the peace.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "I Know that my Redeemer Lives" (v 1,4,8) ELW 619

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

SENDING

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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