

April 17, 2021 – Easter 3

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: **Behold I Make All Things New**

**Behold, I make all things new
Behold, I make all things new
Behold, I make all things new
I am the light
I am the light**

**Anything made manifest
Anything made manifest
Anything made manifest
Becomes the light
Becomes the light**

**Turn your face toward my face
Turn your face toward my face
Turn your face toward my face
Become the light
Become the light**

Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen,
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect

Let us pray,
Wounded God,
disabled and divine:
give us faith to perceive you
pierced and embodied,
standing hear among us
feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken;
through Christ, the suffering servant. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Acts

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 this man 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." ACTS 3:12-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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."
LUKE 24:36B-48

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon
Silence

Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
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 the People

By your transforming love, O God,
grant us new life.

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: **Give Thanks**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now, let the weak say I am strong,
Let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

(REPEAT)

Give thanks, Give thanks, Give thanks.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be With You.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, poets, artists and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

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.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be witnesses of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

We are bold to say,

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,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

Refrain

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.***

***And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

**1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

**2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord, of all.**

**3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.**

Glory to God,

***whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church
and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.***

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: **Draw the Circle Wide**

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

***Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.***

**God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. *Refrain***

**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *Refrain***

**Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain***