

April 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter

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Opening Hymn: Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

**Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
Let Easter music swell;
Rejoice in Christ, again rejoice
And on his praises dwell.**

**Oh, with what gladness and surprise
The saints their Saviour greet;
Nor will they trust their ears and eyes
But by his hands and feet:**

**Those hands of liberal love indeed
In infinite degree,
Those feet still free to move and bleed
For millions and for me.**

**His enemies had sealed the stone
As Pilate gave them leave,
Lest dead and friendless and alone
He should their skill deceive.**

**O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
By seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command
Your host from heaven restored!**

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.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

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 Gospel of Luke

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

Prayers of the People

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

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.**

Confession & Absolution

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.

Most merciful God,
**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.**

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.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Blessing

What does the Lord require? That you do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God. And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

**That Eastertide with joy was bright;
The sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia, alleluia!
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;
Alleluia, alleluia!
The tokens true which made it plain
Their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**From every weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed forever shield:
Alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Jesus, the king of gentleness,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess,
Alleluia, alleluia!
That we may give thee all our days
The tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Dismissal

The worship has ended; the service begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.