

+ Third Sunday of Easter +

18 April 2021

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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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. 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. 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. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

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After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

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God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

*Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.*

GOSPEL READING

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Gospel According to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:36-48

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

*To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit’s unity,
The very bond of peace.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Is the Glory”

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APOSTLES’ CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 THE PEOPLE

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MEAL

GREETING OF PEACE

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

*Worshippers are invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace,
saying these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERTORY

OFFERING HYMN

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

*Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

*For us Christ lived, for us Christ died,
And conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.*

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

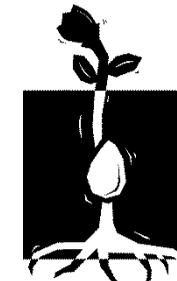
God is here!

Spread the Word!

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021

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.

a brief silence.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness, especially... and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts... Be close to the hearts of all those who are lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

time for silence and additional prayer.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: **Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup; carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!

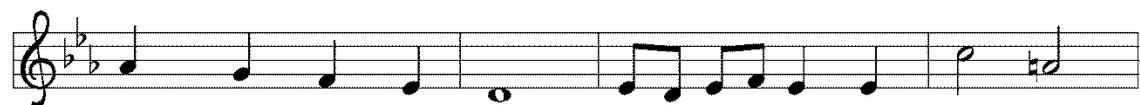
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Refrain



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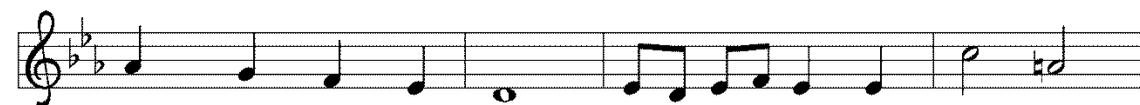
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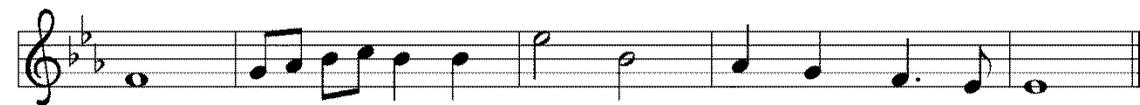


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