



Third Sunday of Easter

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Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt] (portions)

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.

Jays & Concerns

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P. 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.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!

ELW 361

Greeting

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

C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

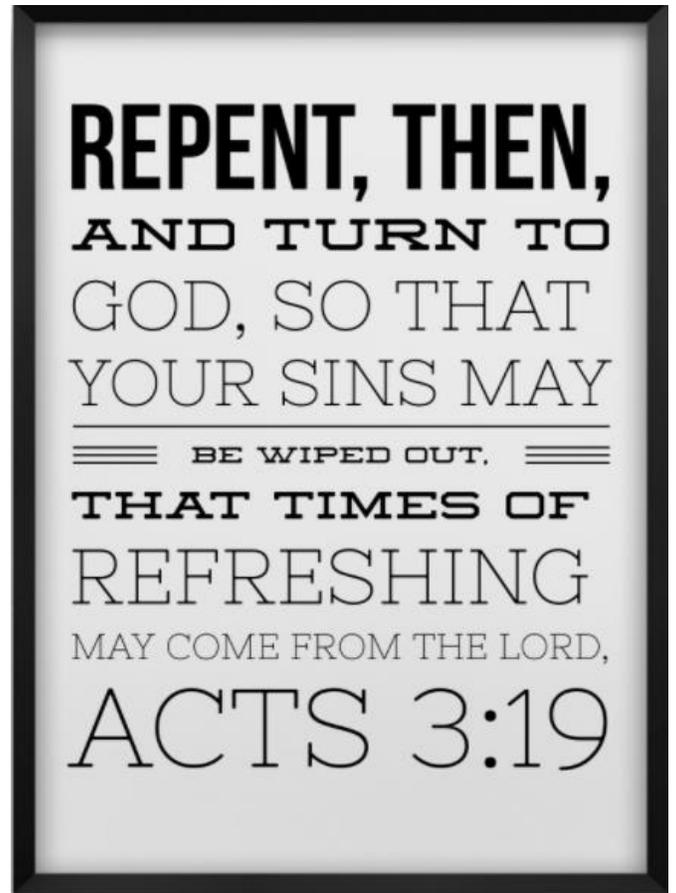
C. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.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

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."



P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God

Psalmody

Psalm 4

spoken responsively

Answer me when I call, O God, defender¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and¹ hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek¹ after lies?"**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me¹ when I call.

**Tremble, then, and¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up-¹ on your bed.**

Offer the appointed¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust¹ in the LORD.

**Many are saying, "Who will show us¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon¹ us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and¹ wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me¹ rest secure.**

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.

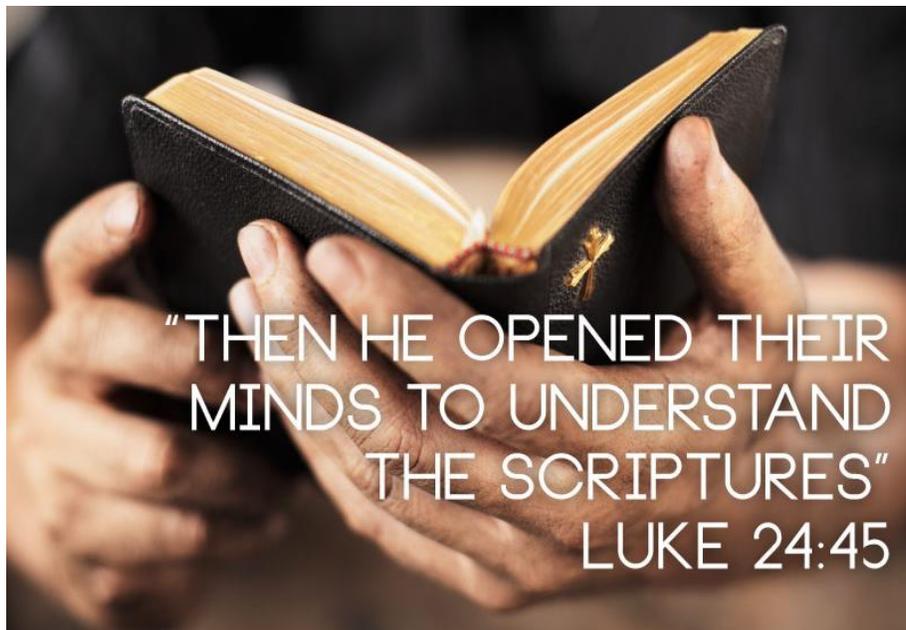
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P. The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter twenty-four.



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.

P. The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

"Open Minds"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

ELW 370

The Apostles' Creed

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 into hell.
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 Intercession

P. 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. Hear us, O God.

C. **Your mercy is great.**

P. 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.

C. **Amen.**

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

Peace
I give to you.
JOHN 14:27

The
LORD'S
Prayer

*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*

Benedictus

Leader
The Lord bless you and keep you.

Congregation
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to

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Sending Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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Dismissal

- P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

Candles for the month of April are given by Terry & Grace Barnes in loving memory of their mothers, Lena Barnes and Justina Rodriguez.



**GOD'S WORK.
OUR HANDS.**

**CAMP AGAPÉ
WORK DAY
APRIL 24TH**

*Please get in touch if you can
volunteer a few hours with us.*

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Enjoy fun and safe fellowship while you do God's Work - preparing camp for the spring & summer season. Work starts at 8:30 am. Make sure to have a hearty breakfast before you leave home! Boxed lunches prepared by Agapé's fabulous cook, Ms. Ann, will be delivered to your camp worksite.