



The Third Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020

A LITURGY OF THE WORD *with Spiritual Communion*

Prelude

Hymn 208 “The Strife is O’er”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o’er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.

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The Hymn of Praise: Hymn 377 “All People That on Earth”

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure. ...

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect is prayed.

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Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *(metrical version - tune: Dunedin)*

1. I love you, Lord, because you heard,
 You always listened to my plea,
 Because when I have called on you,
 You have inclined your ear to me.
2. The cords of death entangled me,
 I came to misery and woe;
 I called upon the Name of God:
 “O Lord, I pray you, save my soul.”
3. How then shall I return my thanks
 For all the Lord God’s loving care?
 I will lift up salvation’s cup
 And raise my hands to God in prayer.
4. With all the people God has called,
 I make my faithful vows aright;
 The death of those who serve the Lord
 Is always precious in God’s sight.
5. O Lord, I am your handmaid’s child,
 Who truly serves you all my days;
 I call upon your Name and bring
 My humble sacrifice of praise.
6. With all the people God has called,
 I surely will fulfill my vows
 Within your walls, Jerusalem,
 And in the courts of my Lord’s house.

Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

1 Peter 1:17-23

The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Hymn 305 “Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be our Guest”

1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;

no, let us be your guests and with you dine;
at your own table now be manifest
in your own sacrament of bread and wine.

2. We meet as in the upper room they met;
now at the table, blessing, yet you stand:
‘This is my body’: this you give us yet;
faith still receives the cup as from your hand.
3. One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all your saints on earth and saints at rest.
4. One with each other, Lord, and one in you,
who are one Saviour and one living head;
open our eyes to see with vision true;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
[People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.]

Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel of the Lord.
[People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*The Leader concludes each petition with: Lord of Life,
And everyone responds: **Hear our prayer.***

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Hymn 210 "The Day of Resurrection"

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

The Lord's Prayer

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Officiant invites the People of God to Spiritual Communion.

The Blessing

God's People are blessed.

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



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In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your abiding love. Amen.

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