



He showed
them his
hands and
his feet

The Third Sunday of Easter

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The Holy Eucharist

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Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Opening Hymn 180 "He is Risen" *sing very softly*

- 1 He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory. . . .
- 3 Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.
- 4 He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise *Gloria in Excelsis Deo [metrical version]*

- 1 Glory to God on high And peace to all on earth;
Lord God, almighty Father, King, We praise you for your worth.
- 2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, You take our sin away;
Now seated at the Father's side, Have mercy when we pray.
- 3 You are the Holy One, Most High, Lord Christ, alone,
You and the Holy Spirit with The Father on the throne.

The Collect of the Day

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lesson - Acts of the Apostles 3:12-19

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

Gradual Hymn 413 “New Songs of Celebration Render” *sing softly*

- 1 New songs of celebration render to him who has great wonders done;
awed by his love his foes surrender and fall before the Mighty One.
He has made known his great salvation which all his friends with joy confess;
he has revealed to every nation his everlasting righteousness.
- 2 Joyfully, heartily resounding, let every instrument and voice
peal out the praise of grace abounding, calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs set in motion such sounds as make the heavens ring;
all things that live in earth and ocean, make music for your mighty King.
- 3 Rivers and seas and torrents roaring, honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
mountains and stones look up adoring and find a voice to praise his Name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious, praises be his that never cease;
just is our God, whose truth victorious establishes the world in peace.

Epistle - 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John. 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. *The Word of the Lord.* [People: Thanks be to God.]

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

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

no, let us your guest be--with you we dine.

Yourself at your own board be manifest

in this your sacrament of bread and wine. . . .

3 We are one body, for we all 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, so let us be;

one with our Savior and our lifting Head.

Then open now our eyes, that we may see;

be known to us in breaking of the bread.

The Holy Gospel - Luke 24:36b-48

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

Homily

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

Intercessor - Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in our time. Uphold us with the glorious presence of your risen Son as we share in his resurrection.

Silence

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. [*brief silence*] Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace. [*brief silence*] Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Your Son taught his disciples to love all as neighbors. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the world in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it. Today we especially remember our communion with the Church of Ireland in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and the East Cooper Episcopalians in Mount Pleasant in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. [*brief silence*] Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. [*brief silence*] Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. We offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world. [*brief silence*] Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. Especially we ask your blessing on those in any need whom we now name. (———*silence* ——) Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your reign will come to fruition in glory. [*brief silence*] Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Sentence *Offerings are received during any hymn in the basket.*

Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (spoken)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks

to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
**“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do
this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for
you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever
you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in
this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death,
resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people
the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink
of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may
faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity,
constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us
with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and
with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor
and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray: **[364]**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Officiant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Invitation and Communion

Officiant: The Gifts of God for the People of God...

Communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Postcommunion Prayer

[Celebrant: Let us pray.] Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ...

Closing Hymn 210 “The Day of Resurrection” *sung softly*

- 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.

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

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Three periods, known as an ellipsis [...], indicate an omission. You will see this in some of our hymns in this Covid Era. Hymns are being shortened, something done infrequently in Episcopal worship, for two reasons. First, we are abbreviating our liturgy to reduce viral exposure. Secondly, shrinking our liturgy allows us to squeeze our liturgy onto a sheet of paper as we are not using hymnals and prayer books.