



# Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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## Gathering

**PRELUDE**      *Christ is Arisen* – Anton Wilhelm Leupold

### **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

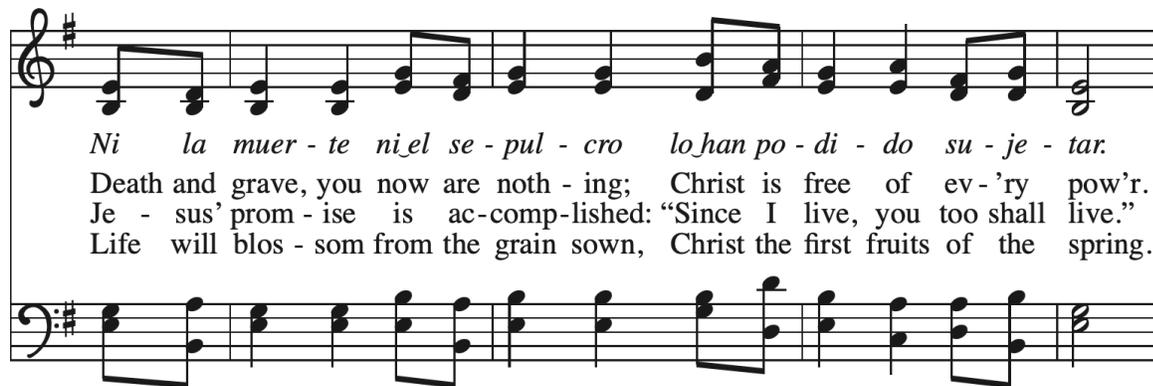
*The presiding minister shares announcements from the Trinity community.*

**GATHERING SONG *Christ is Living* (ACS 934)**

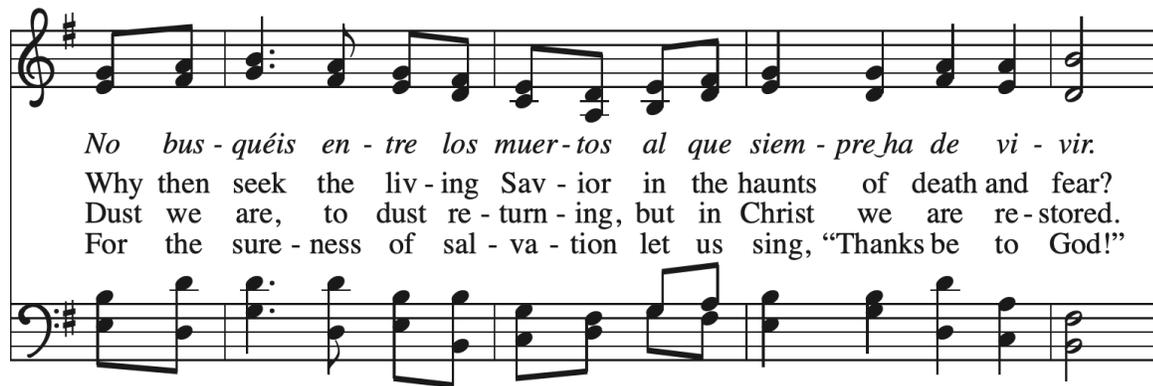
*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*



*¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!*  
1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.  
2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.  
3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



*Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.*  
Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.  
Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



*No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.*  
Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?  
Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.  
For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



*¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.*  
Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.  
Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!  
Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

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

**READING: Acts 3:12-19**

*The assisting minister reads the lesson.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>12</sup>[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?<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

*The assisting minister reads the lesson.*

A reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*



**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

*The presiding minister reads the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy

they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **SERMON**

*The presiding minister delivers the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (ELW 383)*

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.  
Je - sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayers.*

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.*

Holy 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. With the worldwide ecumenical community, today we pray for the churches of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

Living God, **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.

Living God, **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.

Living God, **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. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. We pray especially for, Rick, Pat, Josiah, Paul, Kim, Art, Fred, Keith, Carl, Greta, Marg, Janice, Paul, and those we name in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

Living God, **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.

Living God, **hear our 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.

Living God, **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.**

#### **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# Meal

## DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

## PREFACE

*The presiding minister continues.*

In every time and every age, O God,  
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,  
for your mercy is sure  
and your steadfast love endures forever.  
In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,  
who frees us from darkness  
and lights our path to endless renewal and life eternal.  
And so, with all of creation,  
with all the needy and hungry ones,  
with all those who have enough and plenty,  
with creatures large and small,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
and with the saints of every age,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues.*

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.  
By your power and love you continue  
to deliver your people from bondage,  
thwart the designs of evil,  
show the way through the wilderness,  
turn hardship into righteousness,  
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.  
You came among us to feed and heal and teach,  
to confound the haughty,  
to confuse the tricksters,  
to challenge the wrong-hearted,  
and, in all these things,  
to give hope to those who long for peace.

We remember that on the night before his death,  
having gathered his friends at the table,  
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.

And again, after supper, he took the cup  
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.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.  
You give us words when we have none;  
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;  
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.  
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,  
Spirit of Love,  
Breath of Life.  
Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,

and teach us to proclaim with her,  
“I have seen the Lord!”  
In the unity of the Holy Trinity,  
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,  
we praise you, God of all that is,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD’S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister introduces the Lord’s Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat, and be satisfied.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*At-home worshippers are invited to consume their bread and wine.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

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

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

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

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**     *Thine is the Glory* – Edwin T. Childs

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