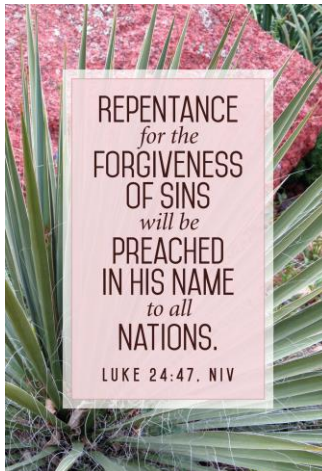


April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Ministry of the Word



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #223 "Christ Is Risen"

Text by Brian Wren

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.
- 2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning,
see what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion;
joy and peace shall never end.
- 3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna everyone!

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Glory to God

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Acts 3:12–19

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹² When Peter saw it, he 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?

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

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

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| <p>1 Answer me when I call, O God,
defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-
pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my
prayer.</p> <p>2 “You mortals, how long will you
dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb
idols
and run after false gods?”</p> <p>3 Know that the Lord does wonders for
the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will
hear me.</p> <p>4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon
your bed.</p> | <p>5 Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.</p> <p>6 Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance
upon us, O Lord.</p> <p>7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil
increase.</p> <p>8 I lie down in peace, at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in
safety.</p> |
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Faithful defender, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Second Reading:

I John 3:1–7

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

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

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:36b–48

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

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

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo Now the green blade rises

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,*People* **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.****The Prayers of the People***Leader* Let us pray to the Lord.*People* **Hear us, Lord of glory!****Confession and Absolution**

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.*Silence is kept.**Celebrant* Most merciful God,*People* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **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.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Closing Hymn #239 "Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now"

Text by Christian Furchtegott Gellert; translation by Frances Elizabeth Cox

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| <p>1 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no longer, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!</p> |
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Postlude

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Michael & Nancy Dodsworth
Egan Done & Karen Nolan, Liam & Michael
Elizabeth Escoffery
Dorothy Ewer
Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert

Today's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

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Organist	Michael Leach
Soloist	Rachel Fuller
Intercessor	Doug Heyes
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