



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

Prelude

I Know My Redeemer Lives

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Welcome

Hymn

He is risen!

Hymn 180
(vs. 1,2,4)

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.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

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.

Opening Acclamation

Clergy
People

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

REFRAIN

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy 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.**

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

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.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Sequence Hymn

We walk by faith

Hymn 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, 'My Lord and God!'

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Ellen Kulik, Lay Preacher

The Nicene Creed

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 life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

Silence

In our Parishes, we pray for the people of Grace Episcopal Church, Carthage; and the people of St. Peter's Cazenovia, and their interim rector, The Rev. Robert G. Trache. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of San Jorge, Acajutla and their priest, Rev. Mario Nuñez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Indianapolis and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of Church of Ireland and their Archbishop, The Most Rev. John McDowell.

For the church made alive with Christ, that it would bear witness to the wonder of the resurrection through word and deed.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole world, that the crucified and risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For Creation, that we may have wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature responsibly that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind, and spirit, especially those we now name____. That the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That with all the faithful who have died, especially those we now name____, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God who triumphs over death and gives eternal life.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Leader

Gracious God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Clergy May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new possibilities, bring you new life...
May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you...
May Christ who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy...
And the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Christ is alive!

Hymn 182
(vs. 1,2,5)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Christ Is Alive!

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