THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, April 14, 2024 9:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

+ Gathering +

Prelude

Improvisation on In Babilone

RINGING OF THE BELL

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Alleluia, Christ has Risen! He has risen indeed, Alleluia! (x3)

The congregation may stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the radiant sun of dawn, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and with your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

Through lion's dens, wilderness exile, and fiery furnaces you protected and guided us. At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** **GATHERING HYMN** As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522) at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten gath - er word, 1 As we to your wor-ship in - to 2 Turn our wit-ness in the sac - ra life; ment of -3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er that feast guests to share help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last least. and Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy, teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to we save. may ioin with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing as we joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

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GREETING

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.**

GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

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.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Word +

READING I

A reading from 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?¹³The 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁶And 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.

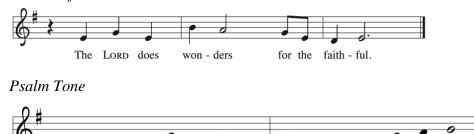
¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

PSALM

The congregation sings the refrain and the verses in bold.

Psalm Refrain



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender [|] of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and [|] hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹ or my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful:

the LORD will hear me | when I call.

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up-[|] on your bed.
⁵Offer the appointed [|] sacrifices, and put your trust [|] in the LORD.
⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us [|] any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon [|] us, O LORD.
⁷You have put gladness [|] in my heart, more than when grain and [|] wine abound.
⁸In peace, I will lie [|] down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me [|] rest secure. *Refrain*

READING 2

A reading from First John.

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

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little 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

The gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

The congregation may stand.

You have the

that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

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

The congregation may be seated. Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

The congregation may be stand. O Zion, Haste (ELW 668)



Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923 Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901 THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. You may assume a posture of prayer.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all. And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his child, and I am not afraid. So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; The law of love I gladly will obey.



arr. Lloyd Larson

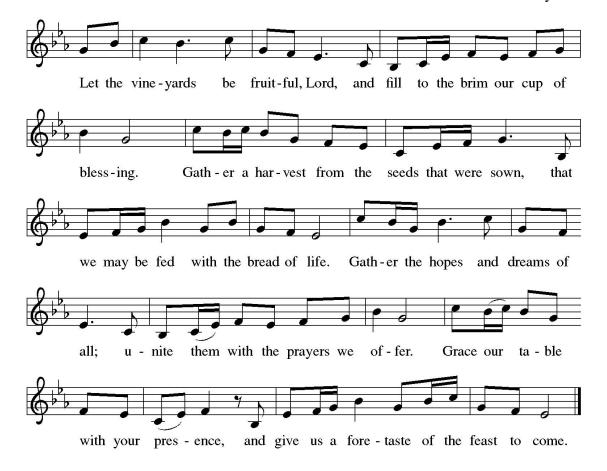
I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through in me, Your power and glory, let them shine through me; Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor, And may your living kingdom come in me. The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor, And may you feed a hungry world through me.

Amen!

OFFERTORY VERSE

The congregation may stand. Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

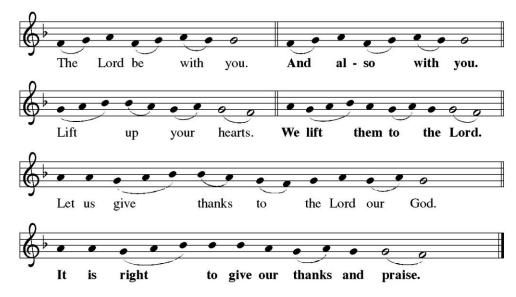


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OFFERTORY PRAYER

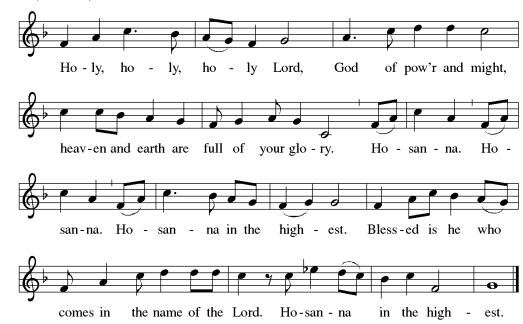
Let us pray together, Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

"... we praise your name and join their un-ending hymn:"



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and foreve



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

Our God 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

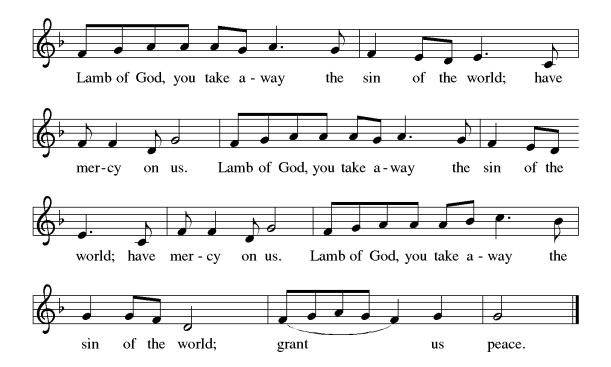
Taste and see that the Lord is good. Come, for Christ first welcomed us.

COMMUNION

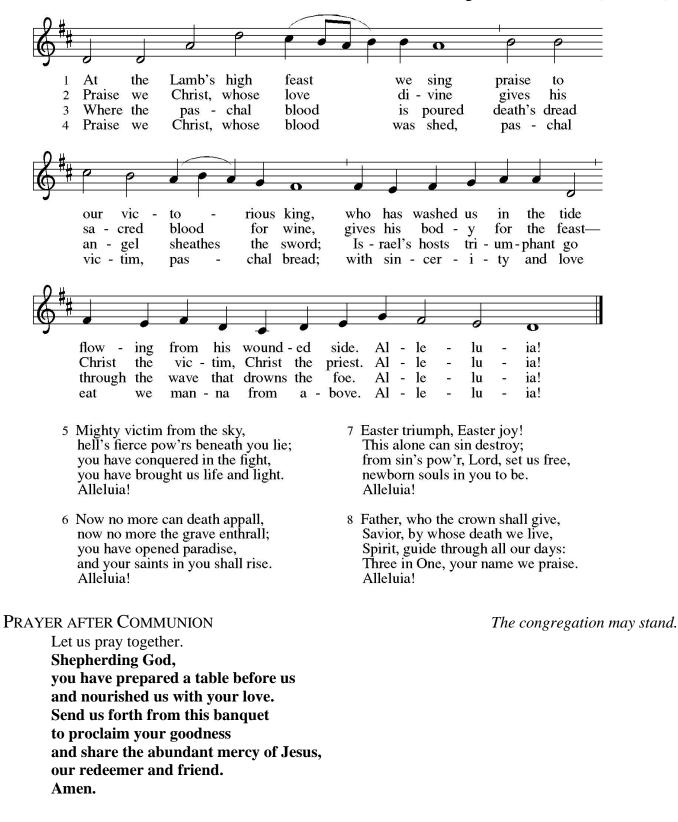
The congregation may be seated.

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table for you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN



+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN With High Delight Let Us Unite (ELW 368) With 1 high de - light let us u - nite in True forth 2 God. he first from death has burst 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to ju - bi - la - tion. all songs of great You pure in heart, in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now hon - or speed Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His by sing Je - sus Christ, our bear your sal - va - tion. To part, death has been death's un - do - ing. "And van-quished see; his word and ev - 'ry ev - 'ry deed land, na - tion. to So free for he is ris'n and sends set us ev - er, to yours shall be death and grave," like vic - to - ry o'er says shall his love give from mis - er - y a - bove, and us earth's ends all good news to save ev - 'ry na tion. who gave his he. life for life us. re new ing. _ _ death set all con - so free, joy and full - la tion.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

by David N. Johnson

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SERVING TODAY

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NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Lloyd Larson (b. 1954) is an American composer and arranger known predominantly for his sacred and pedagogical music. Born in central Illinois, he earned a B.A. in Music from Anderson University before studying at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for a Masters in Sacred Music with an emphasis in piano and composition. He has served as Minister of Music for a variety of churches in Indiana and Ohio before moving to Minneapolis to focus on composing and arranging. Since 1982, Lloyd published over 1,500 works designed predominantly for sacred use, and he has written for soloists, chamber ensembles, handbell groups, and choirs.

David N. Johnson (1922-1987) was an American organist, teacher, and composer. Born in San Antonio, his early training was at the at the Curtis Institute of Music, Trinity University, and Syracuse University. Johnson went on to teaching positions at Alfred University, St. Olaf College, Syracuse University, and Arizona State University. As an organist, he excelled at improvisation, inspiring audiences with his varied and engaging programming. Composing during an era of significant change and artistic experimentation, Johnson also sought to bring various experimental compositional practices to church music. Alongside his compositions, he authored an instruction book for organists as well as a pedagogical guide for organ teachers. Many of his works are still in frequent use, and his most famous piece, Trumpet Tune in D (1962) was used as the opening and closing thee for the radio show "With Heart and Voice".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominate an Organization for EMF Consideration!

Each spring, the Extended Ministries Fund (EMF) Committee distributes approximately 5% of the EMF fund balance to organizations and causes that further the mission of our congregation. The amount to be dispersed this year is about \$12,000, and we are looking for your input on which organizations to consider. Please nominate an organization or cause that you believe furthers our congregation's new mission and vision. You can access the form in your e-news, complete it and e-mail it to Michel Hauser or you can complete the form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to Jan in the church office. You may nominate multiple orgs/causes by submitting multiple forms (ask an usher for extras). We appreciate your input as well as your prayers for the EMF Committee as we receive these submissions, reflect, and discern how to steward the EMF Fund this year.

Take Care Packages for Migrant Families:

As an important part of our outreach ministry, St. John's is joining the Wilmette TAKE CARE project to help collect much-needed items for migrant families arriving here in our community. These families have little more than what they can carry. If you've seen recent reports from the city shelters, supplies for basic family necessities such as children's diapers and more are in short supply. We encourage members and families in our congregation to join this mission of helping others in need. There are many ways to help, from donating much-needed items to sorting the donations to packing health/wellness kits.

DONATIONS: You can find a list of supplies needed in your e-news. We have a drop box at the church, as well as the large colorful room on the lower level.

This project is a partnership with SaLT: Service and Learning Together.

Confirmation Field Trip

The St. John's Confirmation class, along with the confirmation classes at Immanuel, Evanston and Grace, Evanston, will be taking a field trip to visit the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston on Friday, April 19, 630 pm - 8:30 pm. This is part of their interfaith class.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Family & friends of Lorraine Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24
- + Buckley Crist
- + Family & friends of Peter Knobel, who died 1/13/24
- Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye Smith
- Rena Leinberger, cancer diagnosis 11/12/23
- Family and Friends of Hing You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of Jim Dossa, who passed away
- Family & friends of Viola Gonder, mother of Craig Gonder, who died 8/7/23
- Congratulations to Dano Johnson & Emily Mock, who were married June 17, 2023
- Family & friends of Richard Rusz, who died 6/6/23
- Family & friends of Karen Daugherty, aunt of Erin Rasmussen, who died 5/8/23
- Family & friends of Joan Schinler, who died 5/5/23
- Sarah Rink, hospitalized after a fall 3/8/23
- Family & friends of Ruby Winter, who died 1/10/23
- Steve Morrison, son of Tom & Judy Morrison, recovering from back surgery 1/1/23

- Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf
 Peddinghaus
- Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing
- Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury