



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

## *Call to Worship*

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, **C: and also with you.***

## *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**C: Amen.***

*L: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!***

*L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!***

*L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of 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. **C: Amen.***

*L: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!***

## *Gathering Song [intro] – Hallelujah! Your Love is Amazing*

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song rising up in me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

### *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.**

### *Scripture Readings*

Acts 3:12-19 p. 887

<sup>12</sup>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? <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.**

Psalms 4 p. 425

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**<sup>2</sup>How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

**<sup>4</sup>When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

**<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**<sup>8</sup>I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

1 John 3:1-7 p. 990

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.**

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

Luke 24:36b-48

p. 861

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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.**

*Children's Message*

*Sermon*

David Ingram

*Song of the Day – Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Oh God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

### *Offering*

#### *Offering Song – Give Thanks*

*Refrain:* Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us (*Repeat verse*) (*Refrain*)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us (*Repeat verse*)

Give thanks (give thanks)  
Give thanks

### *Offering Prayer*

**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.**

### *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*L: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. C: Amen.*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

### *Announcements*

- Apr-May-Jun devotional books now available – take one!
- Could you serve as our Council President or VP?
- Coming up: April 25 NOLO Mission Fundraiser Dinner (silent auction items welcome!); April 26-28 Synod Assembly; May 10 Agape Dinner; May 10-11 Red Cross FREE Smoke Alarm

checks & installations

*Closing Song – Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You  
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, hosanna

You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, hosanna

You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, hosanna

Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, hosanna

You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, hosanna

Lord, come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus  
We welcome you, yeah, yeah  
Have Your way  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna

*Blessing*

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. C: Amen.*

*Dismissal*

*L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!*

***Special Thanks to...*** all who offer their precious gift of time

***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

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