

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Service

April 18, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He 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.**

L: Let us pray:

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

First Reading: Acts 3: 12--19 Pg. 1695

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 4 Pg. 845

PS 4:1 Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

PS 4:2 **How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

PS 4:3 Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.

PS 4:4 **In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.**

PS 4:5 Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.

PS 4:6 **Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

PS 4:7 You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

PS 4:8 **I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1--7 Pg. 1900

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering "Christ is Arisen! Alleluia!" *Hymn #364*

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36b--48

Pg. 1644

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 374

“Day of Arising” st. 1--3

1. *Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.*
2. *When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.*
3. *Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign;
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.*

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***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

The Prayers

L: . . .Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

L: Let us pray---

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we have first received from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we look with hope for his coming again.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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, forever and ever. Amen

Hymn # 481

“Come to The Table of Mercy”

1. Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your soul will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Invitation to Communion

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 364

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!” sts. 1,4

1. Christ is arisen, Alleluia! Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

4. “Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won,” (Refrain)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude