

Throughout the 50 days of Easter, paraments in the chancel point us to the good news of Christ's resurrection. The lectern fall during this season announces our Lord's victory over sin and death with a symbol of his death and resurrection. By the cross, our Lord grants forgiveness, and through the empty tomb, Jesus is raised for our justification. This is God's glory and victory, for Christ now reigns over all things.

**Prelude:** From the pen of American composer Robert Hobby, we hear a joyful setting of the Easter hymn "This Joyful Eastertide."

**Entrance Hymn:** In today's Gospel reading, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures. This hymn places the good news of our Lord's resurrection in the context of all of Scripture. Just as God delivered His people in the Old Testament, so we rejoice in the promise of God fulfilled in our Risen Lord!

# Third Sunday of Easter

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**P** = Pastor   **A** = Assisting Pastor   **C** = Congregation   **L** = Leader

## Prelude

"Meditation on VREUTCHEN"

Robert A. Hobby

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

- A** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

- A** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- A** Let us confess our sin to God our Father. Most merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.  
**A** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Entrance Hymn 363

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

## Apostolic Greeting

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
**A** The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

**Canticle of Praise:** Throughout these 50 Days of Easter, words from Revelation proclaim our Lord's triumph over sin and death and reign over all things. This is the feast of victory for our God—alleluia!

**Canticle of Praise**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2. Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion:  
 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*  
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

*Refrain*  
 3. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Prayer of the Day**

- 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.

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading:** After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

**First Reading** Acts 3:12-19

NT page 113, pew Bible

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 4** *(read responsively)*

Answer 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.  
**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
 how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**  
 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
 the Lord will hear me when I call.  
**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**  
 Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
 and put your trust in the Lord.  
**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
 Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**  
 You have put gladness in my heart,  
 more than when grain and wine abound.  
**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
 for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

*Second Reading: God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-7

NT page 230, pew Bible

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**9 AM Hymn**

**"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"**

NUN DANKET ALL

1. Let chil-dren hear the might-y deeds which God per - formed of old,  
 2. So make to them his glo-ries known, his works of pow'r and grace;  
 which in our young - er days we saw, and which our par - ents told.  
 and we'll con - vey his won-ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.

**9 AM Children's Message**

Pastor Jason Burggraff

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Aaron David Miller

*(Organ)*

Al-le lu - ia, al-le lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Choir/Cantor: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)*

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel:** *In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

+ Today's preaching text.

**Hymn of the Day:** *Jesus says the Messiah came to "suffer, die, and be raised on the third day." This hymn proclaims the good news of this season, as we are united in this good news and sent to bring the saving power of Christ to all people.*

**Nicene Creed:** *Early in its history, the Nicene Creed was spoken in worship when Holy Communion was celebrated. As weekly communion became the practice in Christian congregations, we now reserve this Creed for festival days and seasons—of which the Easter season is primary.*

**Gospel**

Luke 24:36b-48 +

NT page 85, pew Bible

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Jason Burggraff

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day 368**

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Nicene Creed**

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** 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 the Church**

- A** Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Following each petition:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- A** Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace**

- A The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

**Offering**

5 PM Voluntary

"Pastorale"

Charles Wesley; arr. S. Drummond Wolff

9 AM Voluntary

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

*Please stand.*

**Offering Presentation:** Shortly after the Reformation began in 1517, Christians began singing this brief text and tune during the season of Easter. It has its origins in Latin plainsong, and was later used to help craft Martin Luther's hymn "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands."

**Offering Presentation**

"Christ Is Arisen"

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

1. Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2. Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on. Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Offertory Prayer**

- A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, grant us your Holy Spirit, that we might hear and share your promise of new life with all in need.
- C Amen.

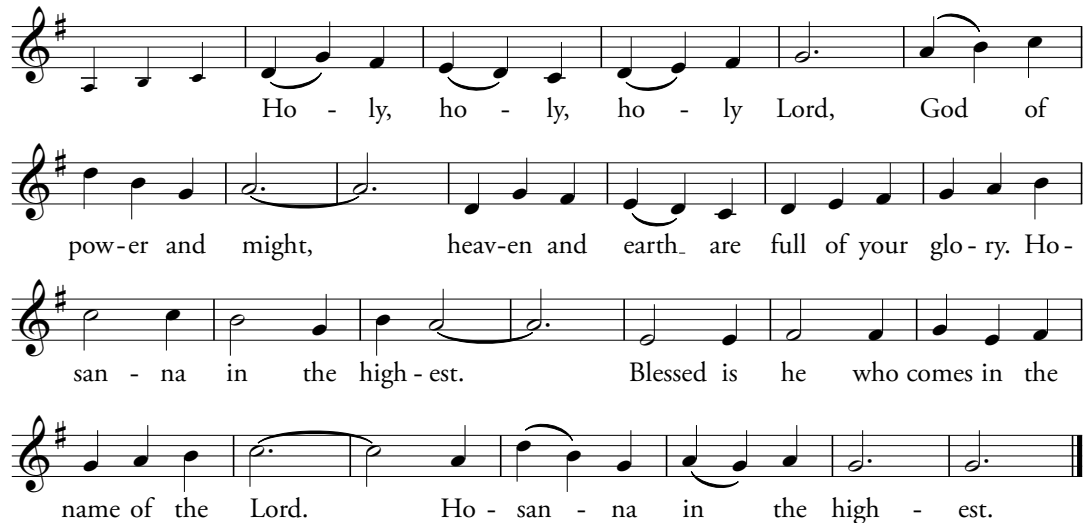
**Sursum Corda**

- A The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Preface**

**A** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus: The "blessed One" who "comes in the name of the Lord" is the Risen Christ—crucified and raised for you!*

**Sanctus**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."*

**Words of Institution****The Lord's Prayer**

- A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C** 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.
- A** Our risen Lord comes to us in the breaking of the bread with his body and blood, promising forgiveness and new life. Let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
- C** This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

*Please be seated.*

*Agnus Dei: Just as the Risen Lord bestowed God's peace on His fearful disciples, so Christ comes today that we might have peace and forgiveness by our Lord's Word. In this confidence, we sing words of prayer and faith: "Grant us peace."*

**Agnus Dei**


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



**Communion:** All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

**Communion**

Voluntary

"Adagio" from *Sonata in A Major, Op. 5, No. 6*  
Arcangelo Corelli; arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Hymn 362

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

Hymn 370

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

- A** Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people.
- C** Amen.

**Benediction**

- P** May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Sending Hymn 660**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Stanzas 1 and 4

**Dismissal**

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace in the freedom of the risen Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

**Postlude**

"Tocatta for Easter"  
Gilbert Martin

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