

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 10:30 am



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special
gift for visiting with us today!

Hallelujah! Dear Lamb Crucified

Hallelujah, dear Lamb crucified. A Savior, a way for cleansing sin and giving life.
Hallelujah, dear Lamb crucified. A Savior, a way for giving hearts new life.

Glory to God in the highest forever. Sing hallelujah, He is Lord of ev'rything.
Glory to God in the highest forever. Lamb crucified, He is Christ the risen King.

Hallelujah, Christ Jesus is King! A Savior, a way for fallen man to be redeemed.
Hallelujah, Christ Jesus is King! A Savior, a way for hearts to be made clean.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Pastor: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

People: **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

People: **O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

People: Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You’ve shown.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
People: we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,
People: and give thanks to His holy name.

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pastor: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life in You through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love for us in Your only-begotten Son. Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings
To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings
And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Sermon

The Father's Love

1 John 3:1-7

Prayer of the Church

Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.

Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials,

The congregation may offer up names of those who need our prayers

Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore.

Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...

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

On The Night

On the night He was betrayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed, He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
"Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord, for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
we love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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The Distribution

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great Name.
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great Name.
Ev-'ry fear has no place at the sound of Your great Name.
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great Name.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.
The Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise Your great Name.

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest at the sound of Your great Name.
The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great Name.

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Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty,
Defender, my Savior, You are my King.

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It Is Well

Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all
It is well
Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea
Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all
It is well

Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well, it is well

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name
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The waves and wind still know His name
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul
Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You, and it is well with me

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The Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Benediction

P Go with the power and presence of God's Holy Spirit working in you and working through you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

The River Is Here

Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here.

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.

The river of God is teaming with life and all who touch it can be revived;
And those who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.

Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run we dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.
We rejoice for the river is here. We rejoice for the river is here!

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