

Divine Service - Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

The Opening Hymn: 484 ss1-6

1. Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!
2. Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia! He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!
3. O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!
4. And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!
5. Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia! Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!
6. For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

The Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: AMEN.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

CONG: AND THOU FORGAVEST THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY ON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

The Absolution

PASTOR: 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 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.

CONG: AMEN.

The Introit of the Day Ps 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Gloria Patri

CONG: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO
THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS
NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END.
AMEN.

The Kyrie

CONG: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

The Gloria in Excelsis

CONG: GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH; AND ON EARTH
PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.
WE PRAISE THEE, WE BLESS THEE, WE WORSHIP
THEE,
WE GLORIFY THEE, WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE, FOR
THY GREAT GLORY.
O LORD GOD, HEAV'NLY KING, GOD THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY.
O LORD, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON, JESUS CHRIST;
O LORD GOD, LAMB OF GOD, SON OF THE
FATHER,

THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD, HAVE
MERCY UPON US.

THOU THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD,
RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

THOU THAT SITTEST AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE
FATHER, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

FOR THOU ONLY ART HOLY; THOU ONLY ART THE
LORD.

THOU ONLY, O CHRIST, WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
ART MOST HIGH IN THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.
AMEN.

The Collect

PASTOR: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son
You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your
faithful people, rescued from the peril of
everlasting death, perpetual gladness and
eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONG: AMEN.

The First Reading: ACTS 2:14a; 36-41

14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice
and addressed them:

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain
that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus
whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they
were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the
apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said
to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and
you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the

promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Gradual adapt. from Matt 28:7; Heb 2:7; Ps 8:6

PASTOR: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle: I PETER 1:17-25

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.”
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Verse Rom 6:9; Luke 24:32

PASTOR: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

CONG: Hallelujah!

PASTOR: **The Holy Gospel:** ST. LUKE 24:13-27

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it

is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Choir: “Beautiful Savior” ss. 1-4

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God
and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul,
my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit
sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright
the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels
in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God
and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and
forevermore be Thine!

The Nicene Creed (We Confess Together)

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN
AND EARTH AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE. AND IN ONE
LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD,
BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD,
LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT
MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER, BY WHOM ALL
THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION
CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY
SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND WAS MADE MAN; AND WAS
CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND
WAS BURIED. AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO
THE SCRIPTURES AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE WILL COME AGAIN WITH
GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, WHOSE
KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END. AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER
AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS
WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND I
BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CHRISTIAN AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, I
ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND I
LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE
WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

The Sermon Hymn: 685 ss. 1-4

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world, that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where Your guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death.
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus;
He has risen from the dead,
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our Head,
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever,
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

The Sermon: Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus ... St Luke 24:13-27

The Offertory

CONG: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW
A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.
CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM THY PRESENCE; AND
TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.
RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION;
AND UPHOLD ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT. AMEN.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 478 ss1-4

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free, Our
Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2. Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see
aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor
strain.

3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song
begin, Let all the world keep triumph And all that is there-
in. Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness
blend; For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no
end!

4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God
the Son, All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

The Benediction

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord
make His face shine on you and be gracious
to you. The Lord look upon you with favor
and † give you peace.

CONG: AMEN.