

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

The Word of God

Prelude

Meditation

Flor Peeters

Opening Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Hymn #205 vv 1-3

Good Christians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph of our King! To all the
The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of praise a - long his way; let all the
Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which can - not die, and sing with
world glad news we bring. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
earth re - joice and say:
hearts up - lift - ed high:

Words Cyril Alington (1872-1955) GELOBT SEI GOTT Melchoir Vulpius (1560?-1616)

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Gloria

Gloria

John Rutter

13 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ry King, al-

25 might-y God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

40 Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin

56 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

70 you a - lone are the Holy One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a,36-41

1st Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

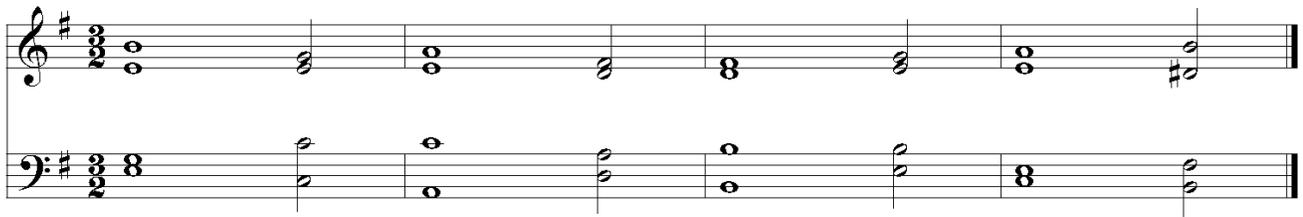
1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 116

Hopson



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How shall I now repay the Lórd for all his gifts to mé?
I will lift up salvation's cúp and call on him in néed.

Before the people God has called my vows will be made ríght;
the death of those who serve the Lórd is precious in his síght.

I am your hand-maid's child, O Lórd, your servant all my dáys;
I will call on your name and bríng the sacrifice of práise.

Before the people God has called I will fulfill my vóws,
within your walls, Jerusalém, and in the Lord's own hóuse.

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The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-23

2nd Reader A Reading from the first Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

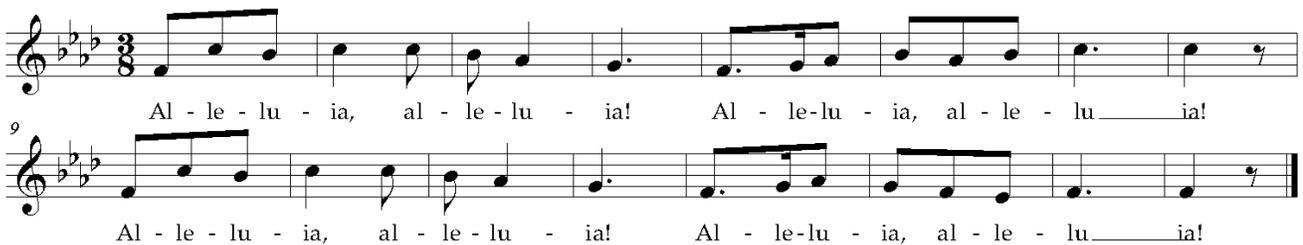
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The Gospel Procession

Alleluia

Marty Haugen



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The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

† The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

*(the People join in reading the responses in **bold**)*

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view, your divine guidance is always available.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. We pray for the welfare of the world. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, and Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). Your mercy endures forever.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.) Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, giver of life and health: comfort, heal and restore all who are suffering from the coronavirus.

Give your healing power to all the doctors and nurses who are ministering to our needs. Bless all who labor in essential work and services so the necessities of life are available. May all of us be strengthened when we feel weak or despondent, anxious or afraid. Help us practice safety for ourselves and others. Inspire us to reach out with the power of healing love. We pray to be faithful and hopeful through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Communion Under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

The Anthem

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Michael W Smith

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love, as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see you.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together,

All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

We Know that Christ Is Raised

Hymn #296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death, he broke its
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re - born, we share with him an
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo - dy takes on
 6
 fear - ful hold; and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 Eas - ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of a lov - ing Christ.
 Church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:
 10
 — Al - le - lu - ia!
 — Al - le - lu - ia!
 — Al - le - lu - ia!
 — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Hymn #296, The Hymnal 1982, ENGELBERG by Charles Velliers Stanford (1852-1924) Words John Geyer b. 1923

Postlude: Toccata by Flor Peeters

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