



Sunday, April 18, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

A reading from Acts.

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Easter 3
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Psalm 4

- ¹Answer 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.
- ²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- ⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
- ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

A reading from First John.

See what love the Father has given 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. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you

while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response is:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me”

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Bonnie Alafouzou and Tony, Alexia, Ella and Wren Gossett in memory of George Alafouzou.

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APRIL 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Jesus opens our minds to understand the scriptures.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Acts 3:12-19	Peter speaks in the temple
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-7	Children of God
Wednesday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's commission to Joshua
Thursday	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Paul's last instructions to Timothy
Friday	Nehemiah 8:1-8	Ezra summons the people
Saturday	Psalms 4	An evening prayer
Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then [Jesus] opened [the disciples] minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name." Luke 24:45-47a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, help us to be aware of your grace that we may daily repent of our sins and turn to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for the food that nourishes the body and for your word that nourishes the soul. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord keep you safe and grant that you lie down in peace. (Psalm 4:8)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord, Speak to Us,
That We May Speak*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you want to learn more about?
- What questions do you have about Jesus and the Christian faith?
- Who or where do you turn to when you want to know more about the Christian faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 24:36b-48.

It is clear that the first followers of Jesus were drawn to the Hebrew Scriptures to understand what happened to Jesus and what that meant for them as his followers. Jesus himself opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, that is, the Old Testament, since the New Testament had not yet been written. There is a continuity between the Old and New Testaments that Christians can easily overlook. Easter is a good time to commit to reading the Bible—Old and New Testaments—to seek a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what his reign means for the world and the church of today. How can reading the Bible strengthen your faith and encourage you to share the message of Jesus in word and deed?

Pray: **Dear resurrected Savior and Lord, give us the desire to read the Bible, learn more about you, and share your message of forgiveness with those we meet. Amen.**

SERVICE

April 22 is observed as Earth Day around the world. Psalm 4 uses the image of an abundance of grain and wine to show the joy of knowing God. As we acknowledge that God is the creator of all things, it is good for us to care for what God has made. It is a source of joy. In what way can you experience the joy of God's creation this week through caring for the earth?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the center of our lives. Take time before going to bed each day this week to think or talk about mountain highs and valley lows for the day and then read and reflect on this verse from Psalm 4:8, *"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety."*



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