

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING SONG

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## OPENING HYMN

*This Joyful Eastertide*

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**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.**

**REFRAIN: Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. REFRAIN**

**Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. REFRAIN**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **O God, You gather us into your community, regardless of our imperfections. May we be so gracious with one another, showing all your heart of mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, amen.**

## FIRST READING:

*Acts 3:1-10*

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 124

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## \*GOSPEL:

Mark 6:53-56

Pew Bible New Testament Pg.42

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Amazing Love*

***My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly, that I, the guilty one, may go free?***

***Chorus: Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice, the Son of God giv'n for me;  
my debt he pays and my death he dies that I might live...that I might live.***

***And so they watched him die, despised, rejected;  
but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me. Chorus***

***And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
come, wash your guilt away, live again. Chorus***

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

God of Wholeness, **Hear our prayer**

For these things and whatever else you see that we need, we pray, O God. You know our hearts and you hold us all within yours, in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, **amen.**

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 1,3,4)*

#855

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said! Share the good news – safely and with appropriate social distancing! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**