

# Easter 3 April 18, 2021

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Opening Hymn

“Thine is the Glory”

## Apostolic Greeting

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen**

## First Reading: Acts 3: 12-20

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he 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? <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup> so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 4**

**1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

**2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?Selah**

**3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.**

**4 When you are disturbed,[a] do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.Selah**

**5 Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

**7 You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.**

**8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

## **Second Reading: I John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

**L The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter**  
**C Glory to you, O lord.**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> 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." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> 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." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

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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

## Prayers of the People

P In the joy of the gift of new life, let us raise our neighbors in prayer.

AM For the whole people of God, that we may faithfully proclaim his mercy and grace.

**C Lord have mercy.**

AM For the whole human race, that as one we may build a life-giving future.

**C Lord have mercy.**

AM For any other needs that are known to us... May our Lord's help be abundant and swift.

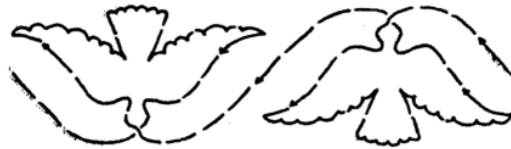
**C Lord have mercy.**

P For all these things, and all else you see that we need, Lord, we offer our prayers in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C Amen**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

P Please share a sign of peace with one another.



## The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Sanctus

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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**



## Communion

***Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.  
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.***

- P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.**
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| <b>P</b> The Body of Christ, given for you.   | <b>C Amen.</b> |
| <b>P</b> The Blood of Christ, shed for you.   | <b>C Amen.</b> |
| <b>P</b> The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. | <b>C Amen</b>  |

## Post Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen**

## Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

"This Joyful Eastertide"

## Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Amen.

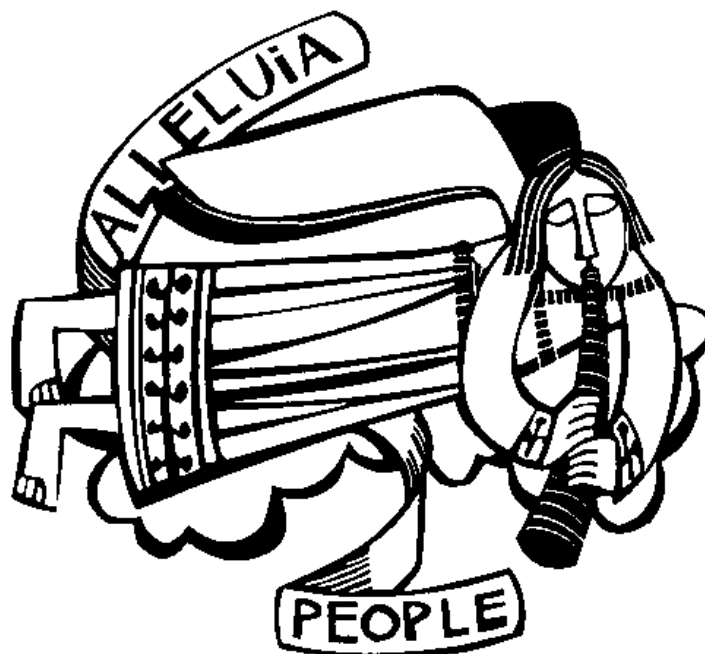
## Postlude

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*When you depart, please exit through the door marked "Exit," moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.*

*Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.*

*Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.*



# IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Laurie Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Robert & Mel Andrighetti  
Chuck Andersen  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Irene Barillaro  
Elana Barkasy  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Karen Bell  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Nancy Bent  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Joe Brancato  
George Bruno  
Brusseau Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Joe Casagni  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrhne  
Nancy Colon  
Cheryl and Rich Corey  
Wayne Crossman  
Barry Demkar  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Delores Derwitsch  
Gerard Doll  
Irene Douglas  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Holly Florio  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Gabby Gerkin  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
Brad Herzberg  
Jim Hornfischer

Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Burke LaClair  
Jeff Lajoie and family  
Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Mervin Mank  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Bernice Miller  
Ruth Mohlenhoff  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Denise Murphy  
Doris Murphy  
Michael Meyers  
Dennis Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Wally Pence  
Marge Raspiller  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Dave Roskopf  
Chris Samele  
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick  
Rosemary Schibi  
Linda Schultz  
Jay Shaw  
Linda Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Jon Sterling  
Reid Underwood  
Russ Wilmot  
Jean Marie Witt  
Anna Woike

Paul  
Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Tom D.  
Pam  
Miguel  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
Clarence and Priscilla  
Paula  
Larry V.  
Diane H.  
Clinton L.  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family

## Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner  
Marilyn Duteau

## Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**



## “Sock it to ‘em”

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