



**Easter 3**

**April 18, 2021**

**Prelude** *Rejoice in the Lord* Dickerson

**Bell calling us together**

**Opening Hymn 207**

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen**

**The Collect for Purity**

**The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

**The Collect**

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**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.” The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### **The Response** *Prayed together in unison*

#### **Psalm 4**

##### ***Cum invocarem***

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God,  
defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am  
hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear  
my prayer.**
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you  
dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship  
dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"**
- 3 Know that the LORD does  
wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he  
will hear me.**
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence  
upon your bed.**
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in  
the LORD.**
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we  
might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your**

**countenance upon us,  
O LORD.**

**7 You have put gladness in my  
heart, \*  
more than when grain and  
wine and oil increase.**

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall  
asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me  
dwell in safety.**

### **The Epistle**

A reading from the First Letter of 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. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### **Celtic Alleluia**

### **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you Lord Christ**

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 Lord Christ**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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**

Priest: Loving God, you help all those who come to you because our risen Lord Jesus Christ stays with us and speaks on our behalf. We pray you:

**R/ Lord our God, hear your people.**

— We ask that there be more faith among us, more confidence in the future, because we are certain that Christ is alive and present among us. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

— We ask for a more positive attitude toward all life on earth, more understanding and solidarity among peoples and cultures, whatever language we speak, because we are certain that you call everyone to peace and friendship. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

— We ask you for the spirit of Christian love and of forgiveness toward each and all, for we are certain that all are invited in Christ to share in your unending happiness. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

— We ask you for those baptized in Christ's name that they may follow in Christ's footsteps, and for all married couples, that they may be faithful to you and to one another, for we are certain that you are faithful to them. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

— We ask you for humility for ourselves, for we are certain that Christ has not yet completed his work in us and that we still have to grow in his life. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

- We ask you for those impacted by the volcanic eruption on St. Vincent, that our sisters and brothers may receive the help and support that they need. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

- We ask you for healing and strength for Canon Glenworth Miles, Rector of St George's Brooklyn as he recovers from a massive stroke and for the members of that community as they enter into a time of transition. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

- We ask you in union with the Churches of our Anglican Communion to give rest to the soul of the Duke of Edinburgh and consolation to his wife and family, and for all those for whom we mourn and see no more. And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

- We ask your healing hand and strength for all those on our parish's prayer list, for all who have asked for our community's prayers and for any people or intentions which we may now share.....*Pause...*  
And so we pray:

**R/ Lord our God, hear  
your people.**

*Priest* - God of the living,  
who will believe that your Son is risen  
if he is not alive among us today?  
Do not let the death of sin hold us,  
for he has set us free by his Incarnation and death..

Make us brim with his life,  
that it may overflow on those around us  
in deeds of compassionate forgiveness,  
and of generosity without measure.  
Nourish this life in us in the Eucharist  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against  
you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive  
you all your sins through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and  
by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving for Easter** (Scottish Episcopal Church)

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the  
Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Author  
of all being. Your power sustains, your love  
restores, our broken world. You are  
unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing  
order and filling emptiness with life. Christ,  
raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of  
hope. He lives in us that we may walk in  
light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is  
power to purge our sin and warm our hearts  
to love. As children of your redeeming  
purpose, freed by him who burst from the  
tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer

you our praise, with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven, singing  
the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of  
all, for by the Cross, eternal life is ours and  
death is swallowed up in victory. In the first  
light of Easter glory broke from the tomb  
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.  
From the Garden the mystery dawned that  
he whom they had loved and lost is with us  
now in every place for ever. Making himself  
known in the breaking of the bread,  
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,  
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,  
he renewed the promise of his presence  
and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the  
seal of freedom on your sons and  
daughters. Before he was given up to  
suffering and death, recalling the night of  
Israel's release, the night in which slaves  
walked free, at supper with his disciples he  
took bread and offered you thanks. He  
broke the bread, and gave it to them,  
saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is  
broken for you." After supper, he took the  
cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to  
them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is  
my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured  
out for you, and for all, that sins may be  
forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."  
We now obey your Son's command We  
recall his blessed passion and death, his  
glorious resurrection and ascension; and we  
look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made  
one with him, we offer you these gifts and  
with them ourselves a single, holy living  
sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and  
send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this  
bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by  
his life-giving power, they may be the Body  
and Blood of your Son, and we may be

kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

All: **Our Father...**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace**

**Gifts of God.....**

*Act of Spiritual Communion for those at home: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive your presence sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen*

### **Hymn During Communion 343**

**Shepherd of souls, in love come feed us.  
Life-giving bread for hungry hearts.  
To those refreshing waters lead us  
where dwells that grace Your peace  
imparts.  
May we, the wayward in Your fold, by  
Your forgiveness rest consoled.**

**Life-giving vine, come, feed and  
nourish,  
strengthen each branch with life divine.  
Ever in You O may we flourish, fruitful  
the branches of the vine.  
Lord, may our souls be purified so that  
in Christ we may abide.**

**Sinful are we who stand before You  
worthy of You is Christ alone.  
So in Christ's name do we implore You;  
rich are the mercies You have shown,  
Say but the word or Lord Divine  
then are our hearts made pure like Thine.**

**Following You, O Lord, Who led them,  
multitudes thronged the mountainside;  
filled with compassion, Lord, You fed  
them, fed them with loaves You  
multiplied.  
Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray :  
life-giving bread give us this day.**

**Help us, dear Lord, prepare a dwelling  
worthy of You Who made us all;  
cleanse Thou our hearts, our guilt  
dispelling,  
purify us who heed Your call.  
'Take this and eat' were words You said,  
so we have gathered for this bread.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go and let God's word come alive in you.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing hymn 182**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift and war,  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Postlude.... *Children of the Heavenly Father* Matthews