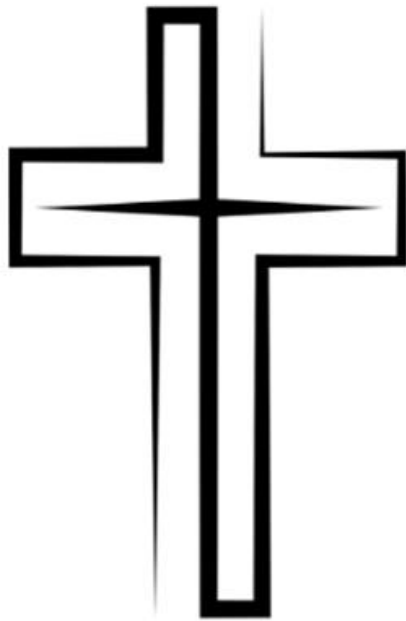


Church of the Holy Cross

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!



Third Sunday of Easter

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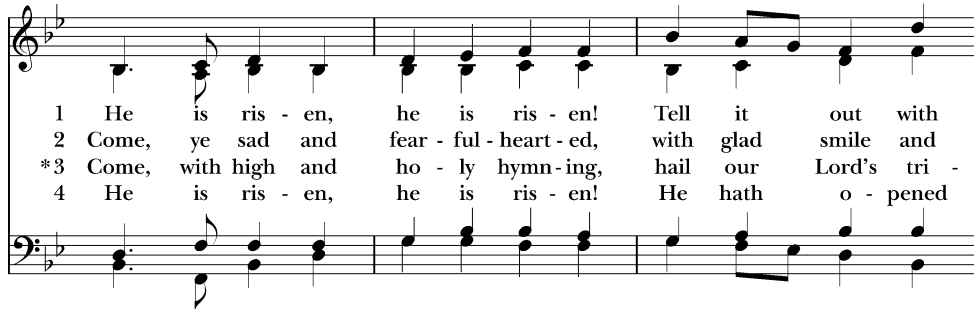
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# Gathering of the People

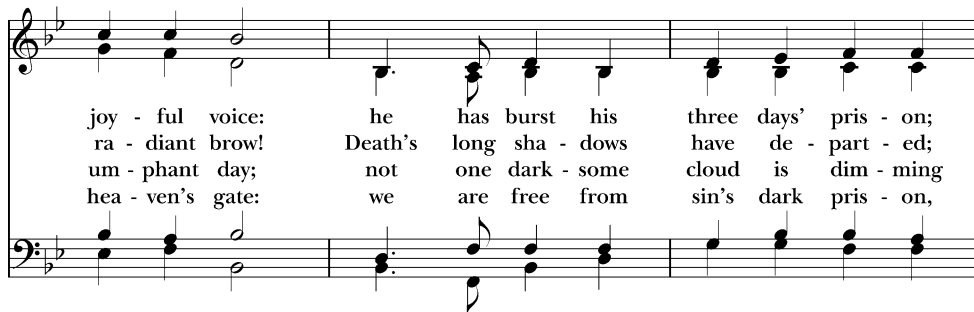
## Prelude

### Opening Hymn H 180

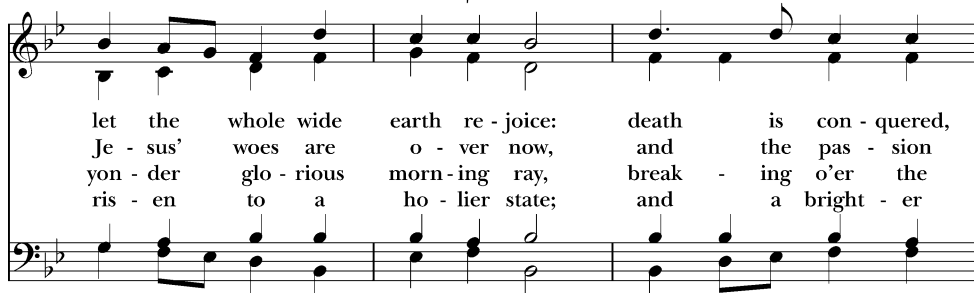
*He is risen*



1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - dant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore - sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

## Opening Acclamation (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People**

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

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**People**

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

## Hymn of Praise H 473 (v 3 & 4) *Lift high the cross*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*  
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God 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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### First Reading

Acts 2:14a,36-41

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Acts

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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

*Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and the congregation responds with the bold verses.*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 **How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 **O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-23

*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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

### Sequence Hymn H 178 (v.3) Alleluia, Alleluia

We will sing the hymn once before the gospel and once after.

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
 Praise to his Name.

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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### 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.**

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Jonathan Sams

**Creed**    (by Susan Bock)

**We believe in God, the Creator,  
who made the heavens and the earth.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's beloved Son, our brother and savior,  
who was born of the Holy Spirit and the woman Mary.  
He was crucified, died, and was buried,  
but, on the third day, he rose from death  
and returned to the heart of God  
from where he reigns in eternal love.  
He will come again to gather  
the whole world home to that love.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
in one healed and united Church,  
in the forgiveness of all sins,  
and in eternal life for us all. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People** (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our search committee.  
**Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process.**

We also pray for the pastor who will be joining us.

**Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room, or typed in the chat on Zoom.*

*Celebrant* God of new life, we give praise for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and for the moments of abundant grace we have experienced which take part in your divine story. Give us mindful hearts to perceive the blessings of your love at all times and in all places. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Peace is exchanged with one another.*

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Hymn** LEVAS 121

*Baptized in water*

*The hymn is sung while the Deacon sets the table.*

1. Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, Cleansed by the  
 2. Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, Dead in the  
 3. Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,  
 2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,  
 3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,

1. trust - ing his prom - ise, — Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 2. freed and for - giv - en, — Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 3. we are his child - ren, — Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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### Communion Prayer (from Enriching Our Worship 3)

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

### Sanctus S 125 *Lamb of God*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:  
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done in love: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As Jesus has taught us, we now pray,

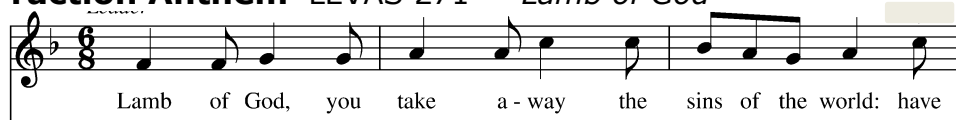
**All** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### Fraction Anthem LEVAS 271 *Lamb of God*



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:  
 grant us peace.

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy gifts for holy people.

### The Communion of the People

*No one who comes to the table seeking Christ is turned away. You may take the bread and/or the wine. If you do not wish to take either, cross your arms over your chest to signal you prefer a blessing. Our bread is gluten-free. If you are unable to get to the altar, let the usher know and the priest will come to those who need at the end.*

The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.  
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

### Communion Music WLP 764 Taste and See

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

His praise shall al - ways be on my  
 To - geth - er let us all praise his  
 You'll want for noth - ing if you

lips; \_\_\_\_\_ my soul shall  
 name. \_\_\_\_\_ I called the  
 ask. \_\_\_\_\_ Taste and

glo - ry in the Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ for  
 Lord and he an - swered me; \_\_\_\_\_ from  
 see that God is good; \_\_\_\_\_ in

he has been so good to me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 all my trou - bles he set me free. \_\_\_\_\_  
 him we need put all our trust. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

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## Announcements & Blessing of Life Events

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People together say*

**God of abundance,  
 you have fed us with the bread of life  
 and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### The Easter Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,  
 Whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us,  
 Strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.  
 May the wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God,  
 Bless you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** MHSO 54 *May the God of Hope*

1 May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, —  
 2 God will be our shep - herd as we go our way —

fill - ing all our lives with love and joy and peace. —  
 and will not for - sake us when we go a - stray. —

May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way, —  
 E - ven though the load of life is hard to bear, —

bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race. —  
 we must not for - get that God is al - ways there. —

*Refrain*

Pray - ing, — let us work for peace; sing - ing, — share our  
 joy with all; — work - ing — for a world that's new,  
 faith - ful — when we hear Christ's call. —

**Going into the World**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the power of the Resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

**Postlude**

*This brings the worship to a close.  
 All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service  
 Reader 1: Ed Happ  
 Reader 2: Karen Wang  
 Prayer: Malcolm Wang  
 Greeter/Usher: Bruce Hinkle  
 Zoom Host: Shirley Chen  
 Counters:

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 Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Cathi Peterson

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