

## April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### 10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies  
before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to  
anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on  
singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul

### You Have Been So Good to Me

You have been so good to me  
In spite of all You know of me.  
By day I feel the warmth of Your embrace,  
And in the night-time I rest in Your grace.  
You are so good to me.  
You are so good to me.

You have been so good to me  
In spite of all You know of me.

I'll worship Your holy name  
And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

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By day I feel the warmth of Your embrace,  
And in the night-time I rest in Your grace.  
You are so good to me.  
You are so good to me.  
You are so good to me.

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## Prayer

### Gathering Song: LBW 128 Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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### Confession and Forgiveness:

**P:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Faithful and just God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

**P:** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others; in the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### 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.**

### Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 2, page 78

**A:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast , LBW Setting 2, pg. 81

A: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God,

**C: ...you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses and proclaim the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Lessons

**Acts 3:1-19 (The Message)**

1-5 One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them.

6-8 Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked.

8–10 The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple’s Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing.

11 The man threw his arms around Peter and John, ecstatic. All the people ran up to where they were at Solomon’s Porch to see it for themselves.

12–16 When Peter saw he had a congregation, he addressed the people:

“Oh, Israelites, why does this take you by such complete surprise, and why stare at us as if our power or piety made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his Son Jesus. The very One that Pilate called innocent, you repudiated. You repudiated the Holy One, the Just One, and asked for a murderer in his place. You no sooner killed the Author of Life than God raised him from the dead—and we’re the witnesses. Faith in Jesus’ name put this man, whose condition you know so well, on his feet—yes, faith and nothing but faith put this man healed and whole right before your eyes.

17–18 “And now, friends, I know you had no idea what you were doing when you killed Jesus, and neither did your leaders. But God, who through the preaching of all the prophets had said all along that his Messiah would be killed, knew exactly what you were doing and used it to fulfill his plans.

19–23 “Now it’s time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins...

### **1 John 3:1-7 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>Consider this: The Father has given us his love. He loves us so much that we are actually called God’s dear children. And that’s what we are. For this reason the world doesn’t recognize us, and it didn’t recognize him either. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are God’s children. What we will be isn’t completely clear yet. We do know that when Christ appears we will be like him because we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>So all people who have this confidence in Christ keep themselves pure, as Christ is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Those who live sinful lives are disobeying God. Sin is disobedience. <sup>5</sup>You know that Christ appeared in order to take away our sins. He isn’t sinful. <sup>6</sup>Those who live in Christ don’t go on sinning. Those who go on sinning haven’t seen or known Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you. Whoever does what God approves of has God’s approval as Christ has God’s approval.

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 2, page 83

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel according to... **Luke 24:36-48 (49) (NRSV)**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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. *And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.*”

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: “Witnesses”

Message Hymn: **WOV 756 Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the Word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
And the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
“This my body, this my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
Daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children’s liberty.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure:  
“Father, what they do, forgive.”  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
All that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
“I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity.

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
For the work of ministry.

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### Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into  
hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

### Praise Song: Majesty

Majesty worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory  
Honor and praise  
Majesty kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne  
Unto His own His anthem raise  
So exalt lift up on high  
The name of Jesus  
Magnify come glorify  
Christ Jesus the King  
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## Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offertory – Let the Vineyards LBW Setting 2, page 86

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

**C: Amen**

Closing Song: **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the  
Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
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Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Strength will rise as we wait upon the  
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Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia  
A: Go in peace.  
C: Thanks be to God.  
A: Share the Good News.  
C: Yes, Lord, we will!

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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