



Peace be with you.
AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME,
—EVEN SO I AM—
SENDING YOU.

John 20:21, ESV

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The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.

All: Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

All: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

All: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

All: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN . . . "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

vs 1, 5

Text: Brian A. Wren - Tune: T. Williams - Cranberry Book #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

INVOCATION

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

*The God who created the world and fills it with life is
with you all.*

All: And also with you.

KYRIE



L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.

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L: For the peace that comes from a - bove, For the



heal - ing of our bro - ken - ness and sin, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: For the peace of all God's cre - a - tion, For the



u - ni - ty of all God's peo - ple, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: For this ho - ly house of God, For all who



of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, Let us

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pray, Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.

L: Help, save, com-fort and de-fend us gra-cious Lord.

All: A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All: Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we

come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas - chal

birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we
can - dle You make our dark-ness bright. In wind or

come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your

song praise; to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in
With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we

whom we all be - long. We
owe you all our days. We

sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp - ty
sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor - row, pain or

tomb. We sing to the God of sha - dows, of shat - tered
pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im - man - u -

dreams and bar - ren womb; We sing to our God of
el, our price - less treasure; We sing to our God of

1. Love! With sun and

2. Love! We sing to our God of Love!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children.

All: Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to 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.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “*When He Appears*”

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

FIRST READING . . . *Acts 3:12-19*

After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.

[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.”

SECOND READING . . . *1 John 3:1-7*

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

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.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA

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All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is for a 2/4 time signature. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a '4' above the staff, indicating a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: 'All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

The musical notation is a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'All: Glo - ry to you, O Lord!'.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!
Be Seated

The musical notation is a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'All: Praise be to you, O Christ! Be Seated'.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim



Please Stand

SONG . . . "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" vs. 1, 2

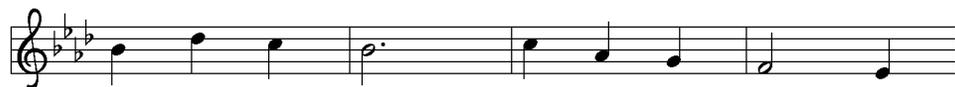
Text: Herbert F. Brokering - Tune: David N. Johnson - Cranberry Book #377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

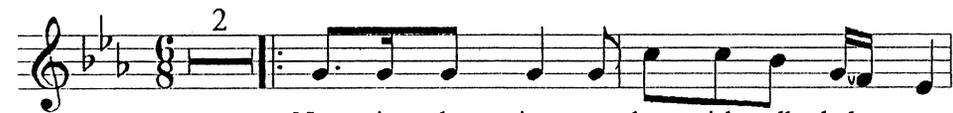
L: God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

All: Let us share our gratitude for God's gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God's many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



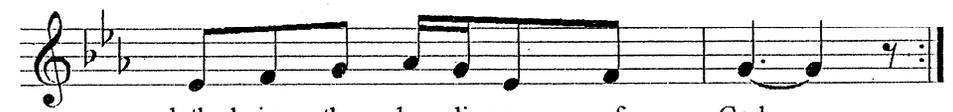
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



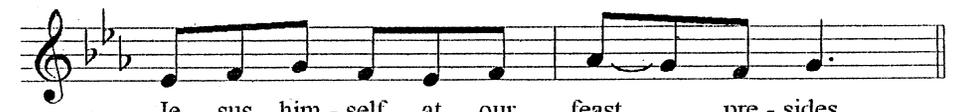
Christ is our way, our truth and light.
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

All: We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.

L: Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

All: Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need. Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: The Lord be with you.



All: And al - so with you.



L: Lift up your hearts.



All: We lift them up to the Lord.



L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and

animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one. 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

All: Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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 forever. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread!

All: We come to the table of the risen Christ where all are known and loved.

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

Be Seated

All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh
mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

LAMB OF GOD

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.
If you desire communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

Text: Susan R. Briehl - Tune: Marty Haugen - Cranberry Book #469



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



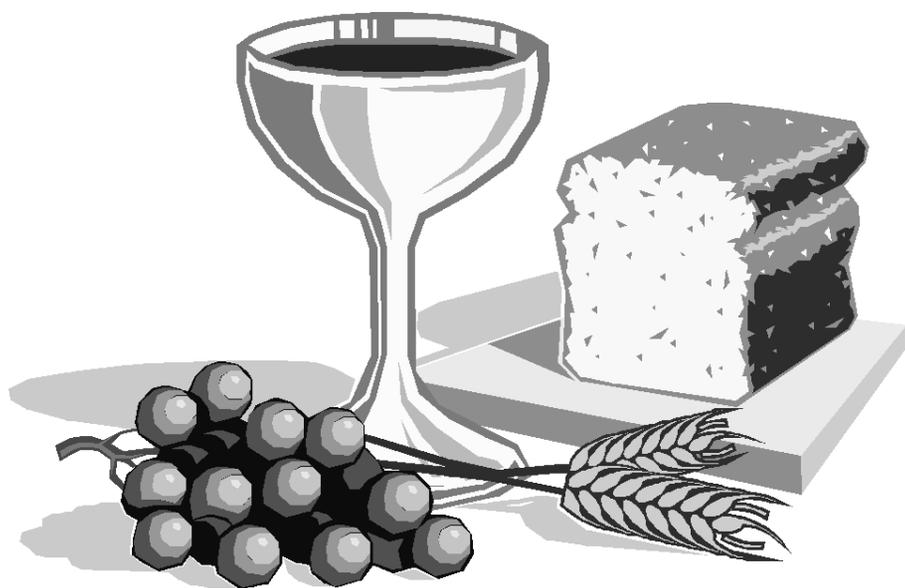
For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “As We Gather at Your Table”

Text: Carl P. Daw - Tune: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities*
Contradansen - Cranberry Book #522



1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.

All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: **May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

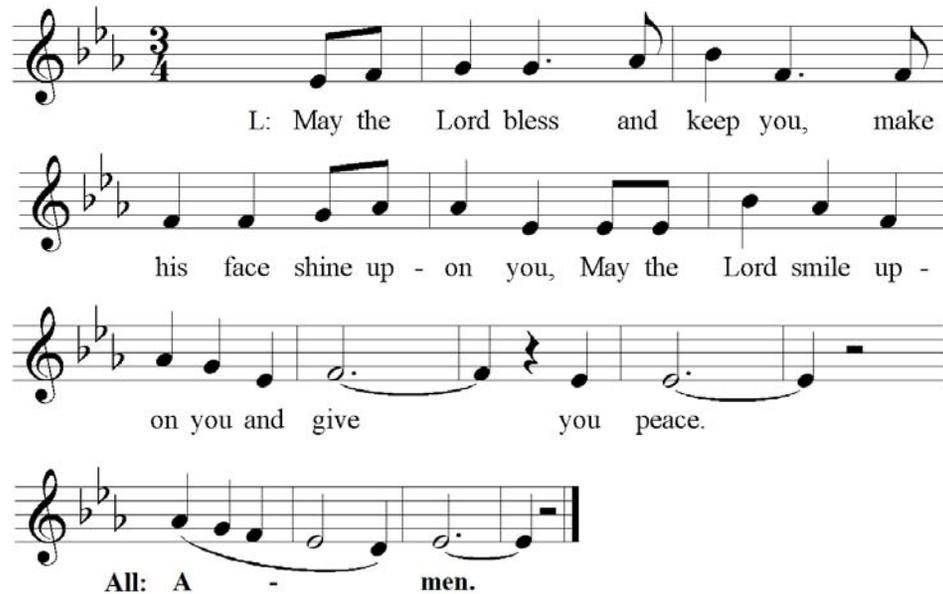
Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION



L: May the Lord bless and keep you, make
his face shine up - on you, May the Lord smile up -
on you and give you peace.

All: A - men.

SENDING OUT HYMN . . . "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vs 1, 3

Text: William C. Dix - Tune: Rowland H. Prichard - Cranberry Book #392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter Peace and Joy!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

EASTER
CHANGES EVERYTHING

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