

APRIL 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Words of Welcome

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead, he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Let us watch for the risen Christ this day, bursting in with new life and new hope. Easter people, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Sounds of Faith – That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Prayer of Confession

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children.
What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you.
Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children:
when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends;
when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other.
Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace,
and teach us to follow in your way.
Amen.

Response – Alleluia!

Scripture: Psalm 4, excerpted

*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.*

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*The LORD hears when I call to him.
When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.*

*There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.*

Choir Anthem – Take My Voice, and Let Me Sing

Scripture: Luke 24:36-48

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.

Meditation**Sounds of Hope – Day of Arising****Giving****Pastoral Prayers, the Lord's Prayer:**

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Sounds of Love – Thine is the Glory**Benediction****Postlude**