Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2021

As we continue with in-person Sunday worship, for the next few weeks the recorded service will be held in the West transept with the Altar placed in front of the Columbarium. This placement is a way to remind us of our joint worship with the Saints in light. As tradition holds the clergy would stand in front of the congregation (church militant) and before the Saints and choirs of heaven (church triumphant). It is a subtle, but beautiful reminder that we worship with the Saints always.

PRELUDE

Gathering

HYMN #368 With High Delight Let Us Unite



APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, 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 to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

READING *Acts* 3:12-19

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.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

Glory to you, O Lord.

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, O Christ.

SERMON

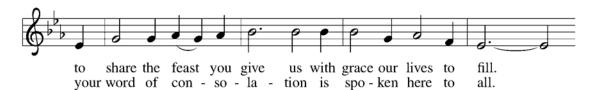
HYMN OF THE DAY #468 Around You, O Lord Jesus



- 1 A round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
- 2 We hear your in vi ta tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;

we will be true and nev - er- in joy, in grief, in

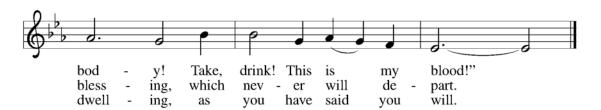
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal



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lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! You say to us so This is my draws lov - ing heart; brings to us to your it us your de - part for are still a - mong your peo - ple

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from you,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. forever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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