

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18 April 2021, 09.30

Advent Lutheran Church

Morgan Hill, California



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 Sunday. 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.

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

Easter Song

Anne Herring

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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Anita

The Disciples Spread the Good News

from Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing 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.

¹²[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?"¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

19 Psalm 4: Let Your Face Shine upon Us

Refrain

Lord, let your face shine up - on us, shine up -
on us, shine up - on us.

Verses

1. Listen to my song, hear me when I call, Oh Lord, my God, be gracious,
hear my prayer.
2. You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart,
you hear me when I call.
3. Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest,
to dwell in safety with my Lord.

Text: Psalm 4:2, 4, 9; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen

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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.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: 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.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

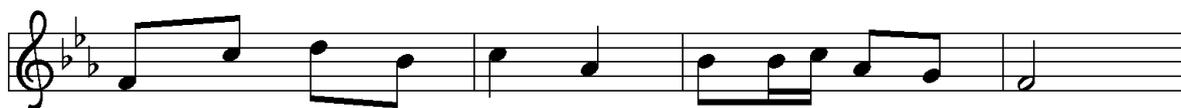
⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy and justice,

Hear our cries. Hear our calls.

We are aware of some of the wounds of our land. Sometimes, we cry out for your mercy. Sometimes we turn away. Often we feel powerless and fail to act to tend the wounds and confront white supremacy and other evils that harm Christ's body. Yet that powerlessness is part of the lie that prevents an overturning of deadly racism. We repent and seek your forgiveness. Give us courage and the power of the resurrection to proclaim and walk the way of Jesus. Amen.

The peace of God dwells in us when we honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to Love's healing and our self-deceit to Love's correction. I proclaim to you the forgiveness of your sins + in the name of Jesus. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus. Let us seek that new life in Christ.

Amen. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

... O God,.... and have mercy on us.
Hear us when we call.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

and 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,

and the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

We give because repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in the name of Jesus Christ to all nations, beginning where we are.

You may give an offering

Online at www.advent-lutheran.org or

Mailed to Advent Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 607, Morgan Hill, CA 95038

PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

Let us pray.

We give with joy, gracious God, for you have been with us even when we were unfaithful. You have kept us through times of grave distress. We can call on you in all times and places, in life and in death, knowing your strength is available to sustain us. We give now that your church may be empowered in the proclamation of good news and the transformation of human life and community.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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DISMISSAL/POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Flowers for the altar today are provided by Janet Kammermeyer in memory of Evelyn Seitz and JoAnne Briese.

431 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall



day of days! Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der:
 of des - pair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing.
 be the same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion



All cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the des - ert
 See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of
 Where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de -



all sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion.
 God the First and Last is with us.



Bring a taste of love un - known.
 Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 Sing Ho - san - na ev - 'ry one!