
✻ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✻
ORDER OF WORSHIP • APRIL 14, 2024 • 9:00 AM
✚ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✚ GATHERING HYMN NOW ALL THE VAULT OF
HEAVEN RESOUNDS
LBW #143, STANZAS 1 & 2

✚ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

✚ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Trusting in God's promise, let us confess our sin.

All: **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

WL: Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news:

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, all our sins have been forgiven. We are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb and are renewed and restored as the children of God.

WL: Christ is risen!

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

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with boldness and courage, 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.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 3:11-21

R: The first lesson for this Third Sunday of Easter is from the third chapter of Acts.

While the [lame man who was now healed] held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 3:1-7

R: The Second lesson is from First John, chapter 3.

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

BE NOT AFRAID!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-49

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

We are called to stand together
With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets
In the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured
Now we find fulfilled at last!

Those whom Jesus called apostles
Journeyed with Him side by side,
Heard His teaching, felt His power
Saw the way He lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection
They delivered far and wide.

Through the intervening ages
Round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message,
Guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature,
Serving Christ, the living head.

Now to many tongues and cultures
Songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior
Honor Him as Lord and King
And for courage, grace and guidance
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

To each coming generation
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended,
Till the Savior comes again--
Till the saints are all united
Under Christ's eternal reign!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Envelopes are available in the back of each pew

Give online at www.poporlando.com/give

Text-to-Give by texting an amount to 407.543.1011

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be 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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

REFRAIN

**Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. REFRAIN**
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. REFRAIN**
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. REFRAIN**
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. REFRAIN**
- 5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn. REFRAIN**

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CHARGE & BLESSING

based on Psalm 121:5-8

WL: Go out now in faith and with courage, trusting in God's promises. Remember how much God loves this world and loves you. Live and serve with love and joy, following in the footsteps of Christ.

May the Lord watch over you. May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and going now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF
HEAVEN RESOUNDS
LBW #143, STANZAS 3 & 4

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the risen Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

COPYRIGHT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc
* Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Liturgy from Lutheran Service Book.

© 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. License #000011676

BE NOT AFRAID

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Text © 1998 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net #A-719380.

WE ARE CALLED TO STAND TOGETHER

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962

Tune: Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948

Text © 2000 Kevin Mayhew, Ltd. All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net A-719380

Tune © 1973 Henry V. Gerike. All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net A-719380

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

Text: Susan R. Brielh, b. 1952

Text © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net #A-719380.