

Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME MESSAGE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

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



ev. 2,3

1 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y!
 2 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y!

5 ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not
 all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and

8 thee; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and
 sea; cher - u - bim and sera - phim fall - ing down be -
 see, on - ly thou art ho - ly, there is none be -
 sea; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and

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 Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1833)
 Music (NCAEA 11 12 12 14): John Banham Dykes (1842-1870)

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 12 might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - èd Trin - i - ty!
 fore thee, which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 side thee per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - èd Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,
interceding with sighs too deep for words.

**Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
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.**

**Lifting water from the baptismal font:
Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.**



(stand) Moment for Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

WE FOLLOW AFTER THE LORD

OFFERING

For the offering today, you are invited to give through your normal channels of giving to your local congregation.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the blessed hope of the resurrection,
we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . .
Bless and keep us, as your beloved children,
so that your goodness and grace may be known in us.
Strengthen us in hope and save us from our sin.

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . .
Lead the rulers and people of every nation
to repent of their violence and corruption
and trust instead in your way of life and peace.

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . .
Transcend the walls and boundaries that divide us.
Stand among us as our living Lord.

Cast out our fear so that we may live in your peace.

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . .
Be gracious to all who are in trouble or distress.
Show them your goodness; put gladness in their hearts,
so that they may find peace and safety in you.

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world
the good news of your saving power and love,
so that all may believe and have life in you;
through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.

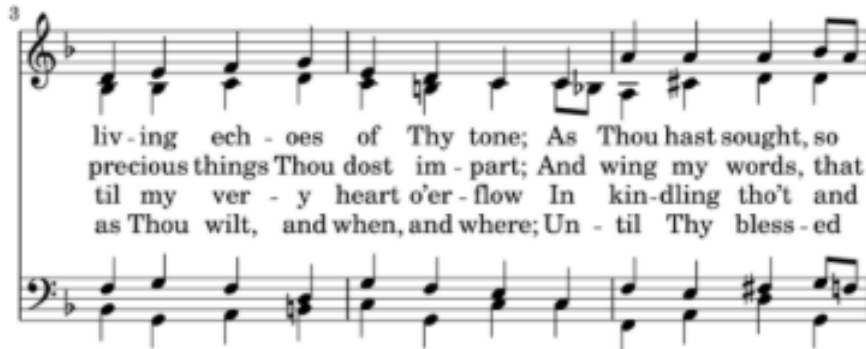


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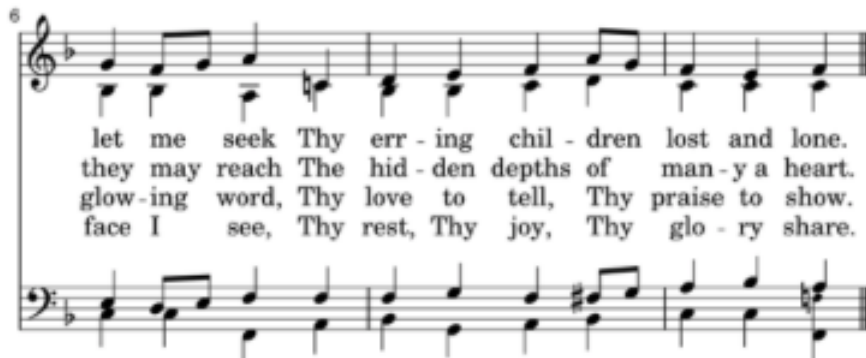
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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The
3. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un -
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, Just



liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
precious things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling tho't and
as Thou wilt, and when, and where; Un - til Thy bless - ed



let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glo - ry share.

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THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE



