



**+ Third Sunday of Easter**  
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## + Third Sunday of Easter Order for Worship

*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 as the church when we are able. 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 primary elements of our regular Sunday worship.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

P: We bless you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We thank you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all honor and praise,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn    That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

### Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and in Holy Baptism you have adopted us as 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.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading – 1 John 3: 1-7

<sup>1</sup>See 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 God <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that Jesus was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

## *Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel – Luke 24: 36b-48

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.”

<sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Word

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day      Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing      *ELW 389*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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## Prayers of the People

P: Trusting in God's promise of new life in Christ, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition*

P: God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we lift up our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## Benediction

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

The God of life, the ✝ Holy Trinity,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Sending Hymn**

**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**  
v. 1, 2, 5

***ELW 579***

**1 Lord, you give the great commission:**

**"Heal the sick and preach the word."**

**Lest the church neglect its mission,**

**and the gospel go unheard,**

**help us witness to your purpose**

**with renewed integrity:**

***Refrain***

**With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us**

**for the work of ministry.**

**2 Lord, you call us to your service:**

**"In my name baptize and teach."**

**That the world may trust your promise,**

**life abundant meant for each,**

**give us all new fervor, draw us**

**closer in community: *Refrain***

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:**

**"I am with you to the end."**

**Faith and hope and love restoring,**

**may we serve as you intend**

**and, amid the cares that claim us,**

**hold in mind eternity: *Refrain***

*Abbreviations*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal***

*Those serving in worship today*

Prelude and Hymnody

Welcome

Gospel Verse

Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer

Christopher Atwood

Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Organ

Kristen Asplin

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Jonathan Paetz

Joseph Paetz

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Presiding Minister

Christopher Atwood

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