

# Morning Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

**Hymn 191**      **Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise:**

1 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts and voices heavenward raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He, who on the cross a victim,  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life, and life immortal,  
On this holy Easter morn:  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
By his mighty enterprise,  
We with him to life eternal  
By his resurrection rise.

3 Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest-field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
At his second coming yield:  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave.

4 Christ is risen, we are risen!  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain and dew and gleams of glory  
From the brightness of thy face:  
That, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
We on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel hands be gathered,  
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

5 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To the Triune Majesty.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.  
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him.  
Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*  
*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with old leaven,  
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*  
death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, \*  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death, \*  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Acts 2:14a,36-41**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Here ends the reading.

### **7 We Praise Thee** *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world  
doth acknowledge thee,  
the Father, of an infinite majesty,  
thine adorable, true, and only Son,  
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,  
in glory everlasting.

### **1 Peter 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways

inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Hymn 305**

### **Come, risen Lord,**

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;  
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:  
"This is my Body"; so thou givest yet:  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

One body, we, one Body who partake,  
one Church united in communion blest;  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Savior and one living Head;  
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;  
be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

### **Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with

each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Sermon

What are you going to do when the restrictions are lifted and life returns to a new normal? I pray that we don't go back to the rat race we were living before we all had to stop and change our way of living. I hope that some of what we've learned during the last weeks of sheltering in place will continue and that we will take life at a slower pace and spend more time with family and friends.

After a very traumatic week when he died on the cross followed by a wondrous weekend when he was resurrected, what did Jesus do? First, he appeared to the women and then he took a walk. I imagine it was a wonderful feeling after dying and being cooped up in the tomb for three days for him to walk down the path, breathing in fresh air and enjoying the company of two of his disciples. They didn't know who he was but he knew who they were. They filled him in on the happenings of the past week and how sad they were that their teacher and friend had been taken from them. They had such great hopes that he was the Messiah. And now, some of their friends had seen him! How can that be?

For any of you who are teachers, you can understand the joy it was for Jesus to remind his disciples of all that had been written about him in the scriptures and how all of that had been fulfilled. He was in his element, relishing the opportunity to enlighten his friends once again. When they stopped for refreshments they urged him to join them. It was at the meal, when he blessed and broke the bread, that they realized they had been walking with and listening to Jesus all afternoon. He disappeared at that point but they knew and they believed! What a blessing it was for them!

What a blessing it will be for us when we can come together once more to share the bread and the wine at God's table! What a joy it will be to be in community once again, singing hymns and praying together. Oh, how I have missed that! Being single, I don't even have the pleasure of family (other than my cats) with me during this time. I am looking forward to the time I can go to Virginia and spend time once again with my brother and his family. This has been a strange time, just as the days following Jesus' crucifixion was a strange time. But Jesus' resurrection brought the disciples back to life just as when the restrictions are lifted, at an appropriate time, we will be

resurrected. Let us all remember Jesus and look forward to that time when we can all be together again.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.**  
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The Collect of the Day*

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth,

unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dorsey, our bishop, and all bishops and other ministers especially Nancy, our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President and Tom, our Govenor, that they may be led to wise decisions and rightactions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those on our parish prayer list and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for all those around the world who are affected by the Covid-19 virus.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Mark and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,  
our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Hymn 492**                      **Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,  
wake your noblest, sweetest strain,  
with the praises of your Savior  
let his house resound again;  
him let all your music honor,  
and your songs exalt his reign.

Sing how he come forth from heaven,  
bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
stooped to wear the servant's vesture,  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
passed within the gates of darkness,  
thence his banished ones to save.

So, he tasted death for mortals,  
he, of humankind the head,  
sinless one, among the sinful,  
Prince of life, among the dead;  
thus he wrought the full redemption,  
and the captor captive led.

Now on high, yet ever with us,  
from his Father's throne the Son

rules and guides the world he ransomed,  
till the appointed work be done,  
till he see, renewed and perfect,  
all things gathered into one.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
*Romans 15:13*