

Christ appearing to his disciples
Vatopedi Monastery, Mt. Athos, 14th c.

St. Paul's Cathedral ✠ Burlington, Vermont

The Third Sunday of Easter ✠ April 18, 2021

- ✠ *During this service the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.*
- ✠ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*
- ✠ *Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.*
- ✠ *A short instrumental voluntary is played.*

Opening Rite

We sing hymn 207 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words Latin, 14th c., tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4 Ch. Wesley (1707-1788) • Music EASTER HYMN, from *Lyra Davidica*

The Presider says,

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We join in singing the ancient hymn Gloria in excelsis:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting Herbert J. Austin, 1978

The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

The Word of God

We hear a reading from early Christian literature:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

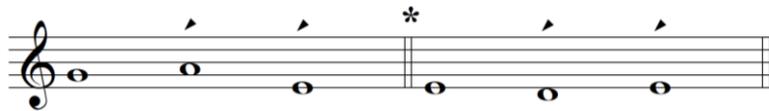
Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And 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.

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

Acts 3:12-19

Here ends the reading.

We sing Psalm 4. Please join in at home.



Answer me when I call, O God, defénder of my cáuse; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and héar my práyer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishónor my glóry; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run áfter false góds?”

Know that the LORD does wónders for the fáithful; *
when I call upon the LÓRD, he will héar me.

Tremble, then, and dó not sín; *
speak to your heart in silence upón your béd.

Offer the appóinted sácrifices *
and put your trúst in the LÓRD.

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see bétter tímes!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upón us, O LÓRD.

You have put gládnness in my héart, *
more than when grain and wine and óil increáse.

I lie down in peace; at once I fáll asléep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwéll in sáfety.

Chant Mark Howe, 1989

We hear a reading from the Christian Epistles:

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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

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

1 John 3:1-7

Here ends the reading.

We sing hymn 204 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had 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 nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy 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:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Words John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt. • Music NOËL NOUVELET, medieval French carol

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:36b-48

Here ends the reading.

Homily *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

The Deacon says,

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Shannon;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____],

Pray for those who have died.

Stillness

I ask your thanksgivings for friends and family, [especially _____]

Pray in gratitude for all of God's blessings.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for _____

A leader gives voice to petitions from the Zoom chat box

Pray for the needs and hopes of this community.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Stillness*

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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 for ever. Amen.

We join in singing hymn 193 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his wound - ed hands and
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy - self our
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our joy - ful
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, a -

1 fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored, the a -
2 feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave that
3 hearts pos - sess; that we may give thee all our days the
4 Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon death can wield thine
5 gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and

1 pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Words Latin, 5th c., ver. *The Hymnal* 1940 • Music PUER NOBIS, melody from Trier MS, 15th c., adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The Presider blesses the People:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses us, saying

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

An instrumental voluntary is played.

Coffee hour follows immediately.

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Presider & Preacher Greta Getlein ✠ Deacon Stannard Baker

Reader Betsy Beaulieu

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