

Third Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **112** *New English Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Lord Jesus, you call by name those who are
yours.

Lord, have mercy.
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you lead us in the right paths for
your name's sake.

Christ, have mercy.
℟. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved.

Lord, have mercy.
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us
✠ our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glorify God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most**

**High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the
risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his pres-
ence with us, that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life and serve you con-
tinually in righteousness and truth; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING *Acts 3.12–19*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people: “Men of Israel,
why do you wonder at this, or why do you
stare at us, as though by our own power or
piety we have made him walk? The God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his
servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and
denied in the presence of Pilate, when he
had decided to release him. But you denied
the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a
murderer to be granted to you, and you killed
the Author of life, whom God raised from
the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his
name – by faith in his name – has made this
man strong whom you see and know, and the
faith that is through Jesus has given the man
this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted
in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what
God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets,
that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.
Repent therefore, and turn again, that your
sins may be blotted out.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

(*All repeat*)

Answer me when I call,

O God defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer. *R.*

Know that the Lord does wonders for the
faithful;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. *R.*

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many say, 'O that we might see better times!'
Lift up the light of your face on us O Lord. *R.*

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil
increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for you alone make me dwell in safety. *R.*

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3.1-7

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practises lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No-one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no-one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no-one deceive you. Whoever practises righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Lk 24.32

Alleluia.

Unfold the scriptures to us, O Lord:
make our hearts burn within us as you speak.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 24.36-48

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

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, *(all bow)* was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(all rise)* 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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 INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

℣. Lord, hear us. *℟.* Lord, graciously hear us.
or *℣.* Lord, in your mercy, *℟.* Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℟. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **351**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Accept, Lord, the gifts your Church offers to you in her rejoicing, and grant that the great joy you have given us may be crowned with eternal happiness in heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN—**279**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**119**

The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

∨. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:
℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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