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Easter 3

18th April

1 The Gathering

STAND

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

KNEEL

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and call to mind our sins in penitence and faith.

Let us bring our sins to our Heavenly Father:
**Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought,
word and deed, and have failed to do what we
ought to have done.**

We are sorry and truly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died
for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in
his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in
eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *STAND*

**Glory to 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.**

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 presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually 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.**

First Reading Acts 3:12–19 (NJB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
When Peter saw the people he addressed them, “Men of Israel, why are you so surprised at this? Why are you staring at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or holiness? It is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus

whom you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after he had given his verdict to release him. It was you who accused the Holy and Righteous One, you who demanded that a murderer should be released to you while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are witnesses; and it is in the name of Jesus which, through faith in him, has brought back the strength of this man whom you see here and who is well known to you. It is faith in him that has restored this man to health, as you can all see. Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; but this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

4:1, 3, 5-8

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

***Response: Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.***

Answer me when I call, O God / of my /
righteousness: you set me at liberty when I was in
trouble; *have mercy on me and / hear my /
prayer.

Know that the Lord has shown me his mar/vellous
/ kindness:

when I call upon the Lord, / he will / hear me.

Response

Offer the sacrifi/ces of / righteousness:

and put your trust / in the / Lord.

There are many that say, “Who will show us / any /
good?”:

Lord, lift up the light of your counte/nance up/on
us. **Response**

You have put gladness / in my / heart:

more than when their corn and wine and / oil
in/crease.

In peace I will lie / down and / sleep:

for it is you Lord, only, who make me / dwell in /
safety. **Response**

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1–7 (NJB)

A reading from the first letter of John.

You must see what great love the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children - which is what we are! The reason why the world does not acknowledge us is that it did not acknowledge him. My dear friends, we are already God’s children, but what we shall be in the future, has not yet been revealed. We are well aware that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is. Whoever treasures this

hope of him, purifies himself, to be as pure as he is. Whoever sins, acts wickedly, because all sin is wickedness. Now you are well aware that he has appeared in order to take sins away, and that in him there is no sin. No one who remains in him sins, and whoever sins has neither seen him nor recognised him. Children, do not let anyone lead you astray: whoever acts righteously is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, * and the
/ living / one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for / ever/more.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48 (TNIV)

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to
St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones,

as you see I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH *STAND*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

3 The Intercession

KNEEL

After each intercession:

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

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

4 The Peace

STAND

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you!
They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you. Alleluia!**

5 The Thanksgiving

The priest takes the bread and the cup and says :

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.
**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God,
the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.
Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is the true Paschal Lamb
who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his resurrection
he has restored to us eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**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.

Blessed are you, almighty God,
because on the night he was betrayed
the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks
he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of
your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the
world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence.

KNEEL

As our Saviour taught us,
we boldly 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
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.

6 The Communion

The priest breaks the bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your
peace.

The priest invites the people to communion:

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

If you would rather not receive communion please stay in your seat and say quietly to yourself the prayer of spiritual communion

**Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
I love You above all things
and desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart,
and find a home prepared for you there.
I embrace You as if You were already there.
I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to separate myself from You.
Grant that I may love you always,
and do with me what you will.
For I pray in your most holy name. Amen**

7 The Sending Out

STAND

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.**

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each
other, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
who through the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in believing.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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