

Sunday, April 18, 2021—Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Instrumental Hymn: “Thine Is the Glory”

1. Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en con-quer-ing Son;
End-less is the vic-tory thou o’er death has won.
An-gels in bright rai-ment rolled the stone a-way,
Kept the fold-ed grave clothes, where thy bod-y lay.
Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en con-que-ning Son,
End-less is the vic-tory, thou o’er death has won.

2. Lo! Jes-us meets thee, ris-en from the tomb;
Lov-ing-ly he greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom;
Let his church with glad-ness hymns of tri-umph sing,
For her Lord now liv-eth; death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en con-que-ning Son,
End-less is the vic-tory, thou o’er death has won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glor-ious Prince of Life!
Life is naught with-out thee; aid us in our strife
Make us more than con-querors, through thy death-less love;
Bring us safe through Jor-dan, to thy home a-bove.
Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en con-que-ning Son,
End-less is the vic-tory, thou o’er death has won.

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Let us sing glad songs of praise and thanksgiving as we worship God in this hour. Amen!

Prayer of Invocation:

Praise to you, O God, for raising Jesus from the grave, giving us a victory over death. Join us as we worship you. Hear our prayers and praises. Open our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to your love, that we might serve you with renewed resolve as we carry on the gracious works that were begun in Christ. Amen!

First Reading:

Acts 3:12-19

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 have 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, who 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.”

Epistle Reading:

1 John 3:1-7

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.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:36b-48

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 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.

Here ends this reading of the Gospel.

Instrumental Hymn: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

1. Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high!

2. Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
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You came from heav-en to earth to show the way;
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Lord, I lift your name on high!

Prayers of the People and 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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

Sermon: "From Open Minds to Open Hearts"

Instrumental Hymn: "Christ Is the World's True Light"

1. Christ is the world's true light, its cap-tain of sal-va-tion,
The day-star clear and bright, of ev-ery man and na-tion;
New life, new hope a-waits, where-e'er men own his sway;
Free-dom her bon-dage breaks, and night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all rac-es meet, their an-cient feuds for-get-ting,
The whole round world com-plete, from sun-rise to its set-ting;
When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall for-sake our fear,
To plough-share beat the sword, to prun-ing hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great name u-nite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame, that hin-der to en-throne thee;
The world has wait-ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain;
To heal is an-cient wrong, come Prince of Peace, and reign.

Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

God of resurrection and redemption, whose love has claimed us for ministry in Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all the gifts of your grace. Receive our tithes and offerings as symbols of our gratitude, and bless them to your purposes, that together we may carry on the good works that were begun in Christ. Amen!

Benediction

Postludes

Birthday Blessings
Danny Hanson Apr 18
Nathaniel Johnson Apr 18

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