



Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

Call to worship (Based on John 21:16)

Leader: Disciples, do you love Jesus?

People: Yes, you know that we love Jesus.

Leader: Feed his lambs.

Call to confession

Sin and shame confuse us and lead us astray. The risen Christ welcomes us with redeeming love. Let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of confession

Jesus Christ, son of the Living God, how many times have we betrayed, abandoned and denied you? You welcome and forgive us, nonetheless. Let us not be driven away from you in shame or hide from you fearing full exposure. Welcome us once again, forgive us and redeem us. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Christ transforms. Christ redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for illumination

Open our eyes that we may see. Open our hearts that we may feel your Spirit stirring. Open our ears to hearing of your Word, read and proclaimed. Amen.

Scripture readings



Sermon

Affirmation of faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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.

Call for the offering

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

Prayer of dedication

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed and tend to your sheep. Amen.



Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. (Psalm 90:14)

God, we have questions. We cannot understand the warring madness of our world, the killing of innocents, the power grabs, the evil. Have we not learned? Have we not matured as a people? Can you not intervene to protect the innocent and shelter your people? We lament the nonsense, the madness, the tragedies of human making. Hear our cries for help and hope, O God of resurrection.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. (Psalm 90:14)

Liberate us, O God, and deliver us from all that stunts our growth and is indifferent to our flourishing. May those who encircle us listen well, challenge us justly, and believe in the potential you planted in us. May our habits and heartaches that stop us short and dim our light not consume or distort us. May we be willing to stand exposed before you, Savior God, hiding nothing so we can receive everything.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. (Psalm 90:14)

Eternal Support, we are quick to move forward or recall the past. Help us to live fully in today's moment, breathing deeply, cherishing life and living, attentive to good news, the grace of what is possible, the gifts of our friends and neighbors. Grant us a deep dose of gratitude for the abundance you provide and an observant eye to all we might be missing. May joy and laughter play in our lives. May we be surprised daily by the beauty you set before us. May we attend to ourselves and each other with compassion, empathy and care.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. (Psalm 90:14)

As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us, "Our Father ..."



Charge and benediction

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection! Feed Christ's sheep!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

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