

# Third Sunday of Easter

18<sup>th</sup> April 2021



## OPENING HYMN

Easter glory fills the sky; Alleluia!  
Christ now lives, no more to die; Alleluia!  
Darkness has been put to flight, Alleluia!  
By the living Lord of light, Alleluia!

Seek not life within the tomb, Alleluia!  
Christ stands in the upper room, Alleluia!  
Risen glory He conceals, Alleluia!  
Risen Body He reveals, Alleluia!

Though we see His face no more, Alleluia!  
He is with us as before, Alleluia!  
Glory veiled, He is our priest, Alleluia!  
His true Flesh and Blood our feast, Alleluia!

## FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

*You killed the Prince of Life. God, however, raised Him from the dead.*

## PSALM RESPONSE:

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

## SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5

*He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

*So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer of spiritual communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing of Christ, proclaim His glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness, people, waking,  
Know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
There on high our welcome waits;  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! O what wonders  
Crowd on faith, what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders,  
Saints shall stand before the throne!  
O to enter that bright portal,  
See that glowing firmament,  
Know, with you, O God immortal,  
Jesus Christ whom You have sent!