

Third Sunday of Easter

26th April 2020



OPENING HYMN

We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice, and cry, 'My Lord and God'.

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound:
To call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found:

That when our life and faith is done in realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are in full and endless light.

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Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for Him to be held in the power of Hades.

PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious Blood of a Lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

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 24:13-35

They recognised Him at the Breaking of Bread.

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.

OFFERTORY

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord throughout my life; I will sing to my God for as long as I live, alleluia.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to 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.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at Thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God Thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in Thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son hath told me, take for truth I do;
Truth Himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

O Thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom He died,
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,
There be Thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing of One who walks beside us and this day is living still,
One who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill.
One who once upon a hilltop raised against the power of sin,
Died in love as His own creatures crucified their God and King.

Strangers we have walked beside Him the long journey of the day,
And have told Him of the darkness that has swept our home away.
He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light,
And our hearts have blazed within us as He saved us from the night.

Stay with us, dear Lord and raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share Your wisdom, free our hearts from every fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of the dawn,
If You hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.