

LIKE NO OTHER
Third Sunday of Easter
4-14-24

Worship Theme: Like No Other

The good news of Easter continues! This is a story about a Risen Savior like no other. He is a living Lord, who gives peace, grace, and love like no other. He is Risen! Alleluia!

† GOD GATHERS US †

OPENING SONG
“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
How great, how great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing: How great is our God.

How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
How great, how great is our God

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

† GOD CLEANSSES US †

BAPTISM

Anthony Robert Edwards - 11 AM

TIME OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

ALL: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Christ has died. Christ is Risen! Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called and ordained servant, "I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"The Gospel Doxology"

Your perfect Law exposes me
I feel my sin and desperate need
My best good works are powerless
To satisfy Your righteousness

But there is One who lived for me
His life, my only victory
His death forever sealed in time
That I am His and He is mine
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, O heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† GOD SPEAKS WITH US †

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-22

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, 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?

¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant^[a] Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus^[b] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;

but we know that when he appears^[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,^[a] ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for^[b] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY *“This is the Feast”*

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed (8:30 & MON)

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

BRINGING OUR BLESSINGS
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS

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.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

“What Is This Bread?”

1-What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release,
O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

2-What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

3-So who am I,

That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see - The Lord is free.

4-Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole-
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

5- Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

“In Thee Is Gladness”

In You is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By You are given
The gifts of heaven,
You the true Redeemer are.

Our souls are waking,
Our bonds are breaking;
Who trusts You surely
Has built securely;
And stands forever:
Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining
To see Your shining,
Dying or living
To You are cleaving;
Now and forever:
Alleluia!

If He is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever:
Alleluia!

We shout for gladness,
Win o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever:
Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

"O Lord, My Rock, and My Redeemer"

O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
greatest treasure of my longing soul,
my God, like you there is no other,
true delight is found in you alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
love exceeds the heavens' reach,
your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
my highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
strong defender of my weary heart,
my sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
and my shield against his hateful darts,
my song when enemies surround me,
my hope when tides of sorrow rise,
my joy when trials are abounding,
your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
gracious Savior of my ruined life,
my guilt and cross laid on your shoulders,
in my place you suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;

you broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
may all my days bring glory to your name.

† GOD BLESSES AND SENDS US OUT †

BENEDICTION

Pastor Go now with the comfort and assurance that Jesus is risen from the grave. He is risen!

ALL He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

ALL Thanks be to God!