

Liturgy of the Word: Rite Two

(A Service of Ante-Communion)



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021



Rite II

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Song of Praise

Gloria

Hymn S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 had 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, whom 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

**4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the LORD.

**6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Second 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Taste and See

WLAP 764

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system includes a 'Fine' marking. The second system contains three numbered verses. The third system includes a '3' marking above a triplet of notes.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

His praise shall al - ways be on my
To - geth - er let us all praise his
You'll want for noth - ing if you

lips; _____ my soul shall
 name. _____ I called the
 ask. _____ Taste and

glo - ry in the Lord; _____ for
 Lord and he an - swered me; _____ from
 see that God is good; _____ in

he has been so good to me. _____
 all my trou - bles he set me free. _____
 him we need put all our trust. _____ *D.C.*

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 his 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again**

**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.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
*Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Leader: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Leader: Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Creating God, you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration and empower us to be wise stewards of all that you've entrusted to us. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your loving kindness to national, state, and local leaders of people, holding before you our President Joe and Governor Ralph. Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress, Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness especially...**Mark, Adam, Kim, Spencer, The Ashmore Family, Brason, Bob, Liz, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob.** Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Loving God, you overflow with grace upon grace. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially.. **Lara Howerton, Lauren Odem, Cynthia Luginbyhl.** and anniversaries especially... **Glenna and Jim Martens.** Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you (especially...) and for those who have given their lives in service to our country, (especially ...). Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Concluding Collect:

Celebrant: In the hope of new life in Christ, O Lord, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & People: **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

April 18, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

Cookies & Compline (with lemonade): tonight at 5 PM- Kids plan on staying after service to plant seeds that they can take home and watch grow.

Sunday Coffee Hour today at 11 AM

Sundays at Noon Adult Forum –*Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber starts next week. She invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls, " a religious but not-so-spiritual life". We will meet and discuss Chapters 1-3.

Participate in our Creation Celebration Week of activities. April 19th – the 25th
See Special e-news for daily activities.

8 AM Thursday Adult Forum- New Video-discussion “Surprised by the God of Hope”. What it means for Christians to have hope: What are we hoping for? Does Jesus' resurrection have meaning for us, right here and now?

Thursday Evening at 7 PM Creation Book discussion - *Worlds of Wonder: in Praise of Fireflies* Continues with essays: Comb Jelly, Touch-me-nots, and Cactus Wren. Join any time.

The Patriot Pantry hosted by Arise Campus Ministries at GMU is still asking for our help. See the e-news with a link to their Amazon Wish List (the only way to donate at this time).

Outdoor Service on April 25th at 10 AM.- We will have a blessing for SPW gardens to conclude our Creation Celebration week.

****For all outdoor services, masks and social distancing are required (6' between family groups). Please bring your own chairs. * Weather permitting.***