## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SEASON | HOLY EUCHARIST

We pray that God will open the eyes of our faith so that we may recognize Jesus and the power of his fellowship in our life.

### About this Gathering

The Great Fifty Days of Easter celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ proclaiming that the Anointed Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the World is risen from the dead overcoming the power of death and the grave. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

### Prelude

Hymn LEVAS 43 | Because He Lives



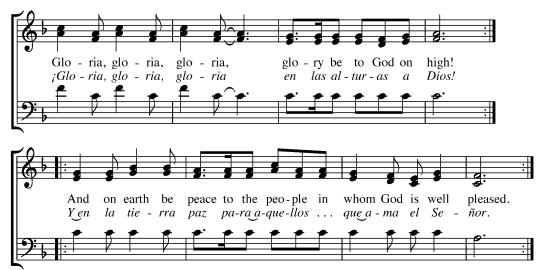
# THE WORD OF GOD

## **Opening Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

Song of Praise | Gloria, gloria, gloria | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



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# Collect

God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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*.

## Acts 2:14a, 36-41

An overview of the early church's life and growth and mentions four aspects of that life.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

A psalm of thanksgiving recounting the vindication of a righteous sufferer.

Let us read Psalm 116 responsively.

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, **\*** 

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*

I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>10</sup>How shall I repay the LORD \*

for all the good things he has done for me?

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation **\*** 

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*

in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD \*

is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>O LORD, I am your servant; \*

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

 $^{\rm 15}{\rm I}$  will offer you the sacrifice of thanks giving \*

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*

in the presence of all his people,

<sup>17</sup>In the courts of the LORD's house, **\*** 

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## 1 Peter 1:17-23

Christ-followers are exhorted to a standard of life that reflects what God has done for them.

A Reading from Peter's first letter.

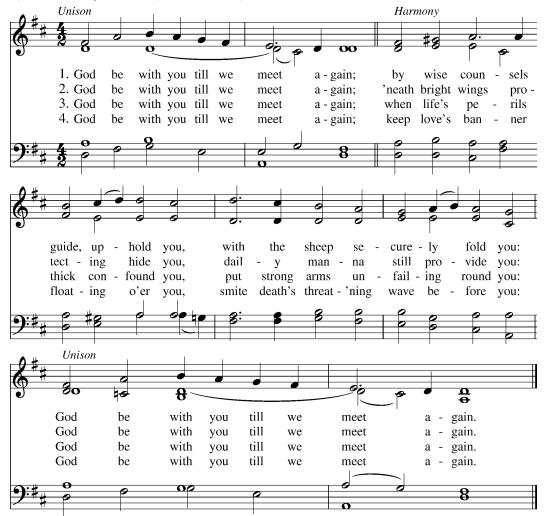
If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn WLP 801 | God be with you till we meet again



#### Luke 24:13-35

Two disciples talking about the crucifixion and resurrection meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus, but do not recognize him until he breaks bread with therm.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

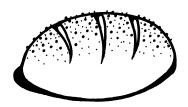
Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon





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#### **Prayers of the People**

How shall we repay the Lord for all the good God has done? Let us offers the prayers of our hearts, saying, "Stay with us, Jesus; *and set our hearts on fire*."

Savior Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us by your own precious blood. Once again, as a holy community, we place our faith and hope in you.

Silence Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

Save us, Savior, from corruption. Deliver the nations and peoples from greed and hatred. Place in your children hearts of repentance.

Silence

Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

O Savior, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts. We pray a blessing on the seeds that were sown this spring that the harvest might be bountiful.

The people add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

O Savior, you are made known in the breaking of bread and so we pray for all those who lack bread. We pray for the hungry. You feed us generously at your table. Help us to generously feed the world.

Silence Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

Whenever we call upon you, gracious Savior, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy.

The people add their petitions & intercessions, followed by silence.

Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

Precious in your sight, O Savior, is the death of your servants. We trust you with our dead and with our dying. Jesus, be gracious with them, we pray.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

In the name of Jesus we pray: Stay with us, Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, St. Mary's follows the early Church practice of omitting the Confession of Sin. We are not deceiving ourselves that we are less sinful during the Easter Season; however, our desire is to joyfully celebrate the power and grace of God in the new life of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

### Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

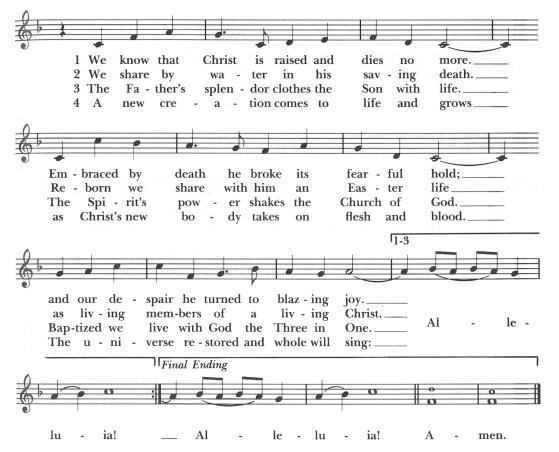
## HOLY COMMUNION | PLEASE SHARE COMMUNION WITH US

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

#### Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude

Ways to give: Please drop your offering in the basket Or click the "Giving" tab to make a secure online offering Or Secure mail to St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church PO Box 90811 San Diego, CA 92169-2811. FYI, St Mary's has earned a CANDID GOLD STAR OF TRANSPARENCY on Guidestar, the premiere donor/organization vetting & clearing site in the US.

Hymn 296 | We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



#### The Great Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;

because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks as we sing:

WLP 785 | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

The contemporary version listed below is optional. Please choose your language and traditional or contemporary version.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Breaking the Bread & Communion**

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen. | The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen. We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

#### **Sending Prayer**

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **Easter Blessing Over the People**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. *Amen*.



### **An Easter Season Prayer**

od, Thank You for entrusting us with the people in our churches. And thank You for calling us to go and make Christ-followers. You know exactly what the people we serve need, and we have watched You move in amazing ways to draw people close to You. You have loved all of us with an everlasting love. We cannot serve people without You guiding us. God, we need You–and we want You. So with the Season of Easter, please make us aware of how our people are struggling. Show us how to help communities that desperately need hope. Renew our passion, remind us of our purpose, and make us ready for what You are going to do. We want Easter Day and the Season of Easter to be filled with miracles that remind us that You are not done working. So please change lives and resurrect hearts. Let revival start with us–but please don't let it stop with us. God, we expect You to do great things–and we want to be a part of it.

So here we are, Lord. Use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn 437 | Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord



### Dismissal

Let us bless the our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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