

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you **and also with you.**

Hymn 1105 See What a Morning, Gloriously Bright

1. See, what a morning, gloriously
bright

With the dawning of hope in
Jerusalem

Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled
with light

As the angels announce, "Christ is
risen!"

See God's salvation plan

Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid
in sacrifice

Fulfilled in Christ, the Man

For He lives, Christ is risen from the
dead!

2. See Mary weeping, "Where is He
laid?"

As in sorrow, she turns from the
empty tomb

Hears a voice speaking, calling her
name

It's the Master, the Lord raised to
life again!

This voice that spans the years

Speaking life, stirring hope,
bringing peace to us

Will sound 'til He appears

For He lives, Christ is risen from
the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days

Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty

Honour and blessing, glory and praise

To the King crowned with pow'r and authority! And we are raised with Him

Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered

And we shall reign with Him

For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! And we are raised with Him

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PENITENCE *(Being sorry for the wrongs we have said and done)*

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his
forgiveness and peace.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and
strengthen us by his spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to God

READING: John 11: 1- 15

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her
sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and

wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Hymn 619 Such Love

1. Such love,
pure as the whitest snow
Such love,
weeps for the shame I know
Such love, paying the debt I owe
O Jesus, such love

3. Such love, springs from eternity
Such love, streaming through history
Such love, fountain of life to me
O Jesus, such love

2. Such love, stilling my restlessness
Such love, filling my emptiness
Such love, showing me holiness
O Jesus, such love

READING: John 11: 17- 44

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now

Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

TALK

Hymn 1227 The Splendour of the King

The splendour of a 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
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

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
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, ...

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God
How great is our God, ...

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God, the Father
Almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

**We believe 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 to the
dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

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

We Pray to God

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TODAY (*The Third Sunday of Easter*)

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

PRAYING FOR OTHERS followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

BLESSING & NOTICES

Hymn 862 I'll go in the strength of the Lord

1 I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
in paths He has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of His word,
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
His fullness my wants shall supply;
on Him, 'til my journey shall end,
my unwavering faith will rely.
*I'll go, (I'll go,) I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord (I'll
go).*

*I'll go, (I'll go,) I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

2 I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to work He appoints me to do;
in joy which His smile doth afford
my soul shall its vigour renew.

His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
His power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust His omnipotent arm,
and prove His unchangeable love.
I'll go, (I'll go,) ...

3 I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to conflicts which faith will require;
His grace as my shield and reward,
my courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since He gives the word of command
to meet and encounter the foe,
with His sword of truth in my hand
to suffer and triumph I'll go.
I'll go