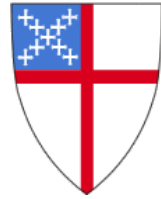


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Third Sunday of Easter

Year B
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[Acts 3:12-19](#)

[1 John 3:1-7](#)

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The Collect

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.*

The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

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.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

- 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 God does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call, God 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 Most High.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God.
- 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, God, make me dwell in safety.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Presider: Hear the Gospel of our Savior 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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Prayers of the People

The people stand as they are able.

Presider God of glory, we thank you and celebrate the joy of your resurrection, which gives us true life in your love. Help us to receive and reflect your glory in our own lives, as we pray, O God, we live in your love.

Intercessor Send your Spirit upon your church that we might grow to see your presence in all people, learn to serve all who have need, and strive to build the beloved community so that all may have abundant life. We pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Teach those who govern our city, state and nation the power of servant leadership that they may work selflessly for the good of all, and have the wisdom to strive for peace around the world, especially in Ukraine. We pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Bring all who proclaim your name as Savior into the way of love, that we may heal the divisions among us, and forge God's justice wherever we go. We pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Bring comfort and aid to all those who hunger in body and live with inadequate shelter, and give us hearts and wills to change the structures of society that all may flourish. We pray.

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Uphold all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and bring them your healing power to restore and renew, especially **Nancy Oliver, Lovey Patterson, Bill Croft, Johnny Parry, Rosy Velasco, Sylvia Dorsey, Ivette Melendez, Monica Pang, Estela Hernandez, Zach Kramer, Melissa Utecht, Shira Marin, Phil Boland, Bill Jays, Sara Emerson, Joanne Runyeon, Kathy Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Tom Kennedy**, and those we name now...[pause]...we pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Bring all those who have departed this life with you into eternal glory, especially...**Anita Kramer, Stephanie Plateman, Emily Thoman, the Rev. Iain Stanford**., and those we name now ... [pause]...;and for all those who mourn, that they be consoled . We pray.

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Presider O God, your love knows no bounds, you showed us its power to vanquish sin and evil from our world; give us your spirit of love that we may live in you always, and bless others in your Holy Name. **Amen.**