

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *Setting Four, April 26, 2020*

**3rd Sunday of Easter - *modified***

**GATHERING**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Song: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Won't let Satan 'blow' it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Won't let Satan 'blow' it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Won't let Satan 'blow' it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** - *responsive*

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,  
**C We confess to you, Lord.**
- A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,  
**C We confess to you, Lord.**  
For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,  
**C We confess to you, Lord.**
- A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,  
**C We confess to you, Lord.**
- A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**  
*The congregation is seated.*

**GATHERING HYMN:**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (vs. 1)*

***I Know That My Redeemer Lives!***

*I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!*

**KYRIE** *(following)*

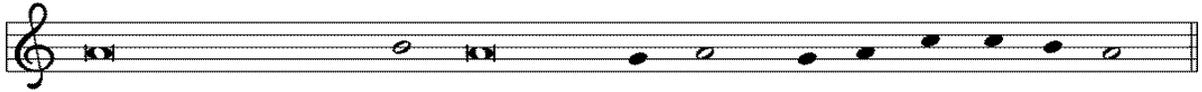
# Kyrie



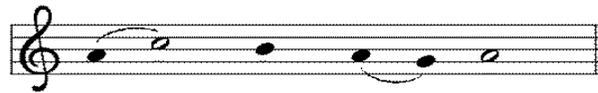
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



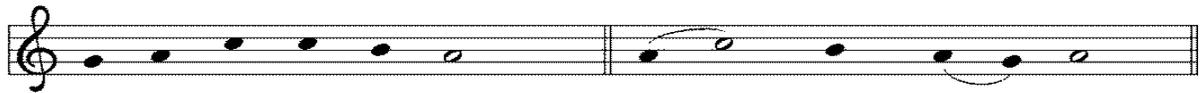
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**(Assisting Minister)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>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?" <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked

ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>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?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>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 reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
I 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.**

***(Assisting Minister)***

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION for April 26, 2020**

Faithful God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, lead our President and Congress towards reconciliation and mutual collaboration for the good of our country's future as 'one nation under God'. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in our church bulletin prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

***(Assisting Minister)***

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God,  
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance,  
just as you do with our lives.

Feed us again at this table  
for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(responsive)*

- A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,  
your children come before you.  
Here is food! Here is drink!  
These things are yours before they are ours.  
Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:  
God, we are thanking you.  
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,  
O God, we thank you and rejoice.  
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!  
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!
- A We thank you for giving us life.  
**C We thank you!**
- A We thank you for giving us freedom.  
**C We thank you!**
- A We thank you for bringing us peace.  
**C We thank you!**
- A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.  
**C We thank you!**
- A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.  
**C We thank you!**
- A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.  
With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.  
Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,  
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.  
Give us true communion with your Son.
- P On the night of his suffering,  
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.  
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:  
'All of you, take this, eat this;  
it is my body, handed over for you.  
Do this and remember me.'
- C The body of Christ! Amen.**
- P Then he shared drink with them, saying:  
'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the  
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.  
This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins  
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'
- C The blood of Christ! Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, for all is prepared.

**Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

**Amen.**

**(Assisting Minister)**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,

you have fed us with your word,  
and our hearts burn within us.

Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.

Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us peace.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN** *Go Now in Peace*

*The Blessing*

### **Go Now in Peace**

by Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**