

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023—8:30am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"Open Our Eyes"
arr. by Sharon Wilson

+ Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Refrain: Open the eyes of my heart,
Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow’r and love as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Paul Baloche
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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Bell Choir

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
arr. by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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+ Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, we live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, we live for You, we live for You

Refrain: Holy there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love
to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken

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+ Nicene Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “How Great Is Our God”

How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

"The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Travelers on a Journey”

Refrain: We are trav’lers on the journey yearning to believe!
Hearts are burning, eyes are opened.
We are trav’lers on the journey of love.

What is life really all about – in the struggle of faith?
Hear the word reaching out to you, Jesus is alive today.

Do we walk in our foolishness – with our hearts ever slow.
To the touch of the Holy One who is with us on this road?

We are blessed in the gathering – at the table of grace.
Free to see in another’s pain the face of Jesus here today.

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+ Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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