



Lutheran Church of the
REFORMATION



Jesus stood among them and said,
“Peace be with you.”
- *John 20:19*

Third Sunday of Easter
Our Common Prayer at Home
April 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Vaughan Williams

Welcome

You can use this worship booklet for worship at home. You can also join worship online and find other devotional resources at www.ReformationDC.org/worship. When there is more than one person worshipping in the same room or when you join the online worship service, one person reads the regular print and the other(s) say the bold print. The hymns are from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

We continue in the Easter Season and today, gather with the disciples on the first Easter, as Jesus breathes the Spirit onto all of us. With Thomas, we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals, we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

If you or a neighbor need pastoral care, please call the church office at 202-543-4200 or one of the pastors via email: Pastor Mike at wilker@ReformationDC.org or Pastor Ben at hogue@ReformationDC.org. Voicemail will have instructions about how to contact them in case of emergency. If you are interested in Baptism and Membership at Reformation, please reach out to Pastor Ben and he can discuss details and discern next steps with you!

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Please stand, as you are able, and greet one another with a wave or a text message during the musical introduction to the Gathering Hymn.

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts of get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Greeting

The presiding minister and congregation welcome each other with a greeting shared by Jesus' early apostles and then join their hearts in prayer.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

After a brief silence for personal prayer, the presiding minister continues:

Almighty and eternal God, by faith we see the deadly wounds on Jesus' body are neither erased nor forgotten in the resurrection. By faith, we experience your power most clearly in the vulnerability of his body given for us. By faith, we receive the transforming power of your unending love for all our bodies, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Children's Message

A pastor has a special message just for the children! Jesus embraced children and placed them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Having heard Luke's message from Peter's sermon, we respond by praying Psalm 4. We hope to know the wonders that God is accomplishing in Christ, and, paradoxically, we do so with ancient Israelite religious words about sacrifices. For Christians, Christ is the sacrifice already offered to God on our behalf, and in this faith we rest secure. Along with the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, we will see the light of Christ's face.

*The leader will read the verses in regular type and everyone is invited to read the verses in **bold type**.*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

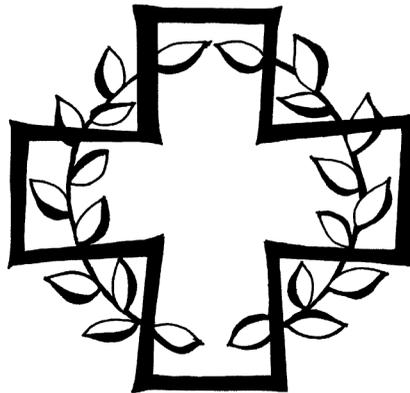
God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.





1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please stand as you are able, proclaiming the word of God in song.

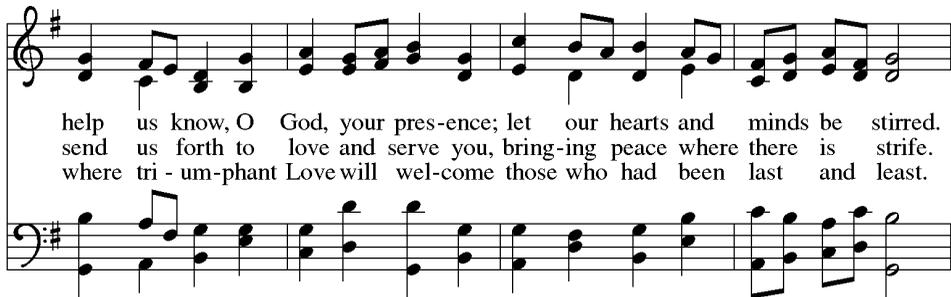
Hymn of the Day

As We Gather At Your Table

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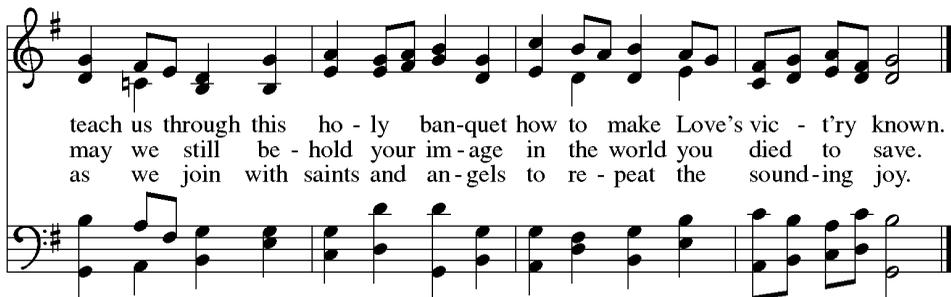
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

HOLY BAPTISM

God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

The candidate for baptism and sponsor gather at the font together.

Presentation for Baptism

Margaret Louise Knudsen

Lindsay and Andrew Knudsen, parents

Danielle Duszczyzyn and Phillip Citroen, sponsors

Please stand, as you are able.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism, parents and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister thanks God for the gifts of water, Word, and baptism.

Baptism

Welcome

After a lighted candle is given to the newly baptized, a representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

We sing a welcome song to the tune of "Go, my children, with my blessing"

Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers;

Welcome, child of God.

Parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors;

Welcome, child of God.

When the world feels wide around you,

When the dark of night surrounds you,

We are here to tend and guide you.

Welcome, child of God.

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with your friends and family while we listen to a musical offering. You may also take this time to text "Peace be with you" to another person -- maybe a friend you miss seeing in person at worship or even a neighbor in another city or state. Please be seated during the announcements.

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the saving Word of Christ and all the gifts of God.

Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

Although we are not gathering in the sanctuary, Reformation's ministries continue every day. Staff members are providing individual and communal pastoral care, coordinating lay leaders and volunteers, caring for our facilities, connecting us with one another, and developing resources for worship and spiritual growth. This time has disrupted the usual way we gather offerings and severely restricted the gifts of some households. We invite you to give as you are able.

Please give online at www.ReformationDC.org/give or send your checks to the church office. If you want to begin or change your Simply Giving weekly or monthly donation, email office@ReformationDC.org.

*To use our new **Text-to-Give** option, send a text message to 844-414-8057 with the amount you would like to give to Reformation. You will receive a secure link to input your payment information. Once you have filled out your payment information, the contribution will be deposited directly into Reformation's bank account. After completing this setup, you can use text-to-give to donate again by simply texting additional donations to 844-414-8057*

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

See following page for offering text.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

German text:

*Wohl mir, daß ich Jesum habe,
O wie feste halt ich ihn,
Daß er mir mein Herze labe,
Wenn ich krank und traurig bin.
Jesum hab ich, der mich liebet
Und sich mir zu eigen gibet;
Ach drum laß ich Jesum nicht,
Wenn mir gleich mein Herze bricht.*

English text:

*Happy am I, who has Jesus,
o how tightly I cling to Him,
so that He delights my heart
when I am sick and sad.
I have Jesus, who loves me
and gives Himself to me as my own;
ah, therefore I will not let go of Jesus,
even if my heart is breaking.*



SENDING

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

Mission Announcements

See www.ReformationDC.org/worship for today's Mission Announcements.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor and for making us into a people of your own.

With all the saints who have received your Word we worship you, holy God.

We worship you, holy God.

We praise you for your eternal Word, for conquering the force of death, and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord.

For your Word alive among us, we praise you, living God.

We praise you, living God.

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us, that led by your Word we may honor your earth and its many peoples and serve all who are in need.

For your Word animating our Easter life, we bless you, loving God.

We bless you, loving God.

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you, Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Blessing

Numbers 6:23-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sending Hymn

Christ is Alive!

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Please see the following page for hymn text and harmony.

Postlude

Concerto in A Minor

Bach

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Prayer List

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Rhys Baggaley (4/19), Valerie Platz (4/20), Helen Anne Vigness (4/20), Michael Heise (4/21), Paul Cowden (4/22), Margot Lyddane (4/22)

For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

Emily Sollie and Jonathan Ernst (4/24)

WE PRAY FOR. . .

Karen, Andy Weaver's sister, that she has continued healing.

Chester Hart, as he recovers from surgery on his foot.

Children and their family members who live with cancer.

Jennifer Novak, as she recovers from leg surgery.

For the family of David Robb, Andrew Robb's father, as they grieve his death and celebrate his life.

Robert Pfahl and his family, as he struggles with neurological and physical health matters.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

For those experiencing anxiety, loneliness, and distance from family and friends.

For the scientists and healthcare workers producing and distributing Covid-19 vaccines.

For the Anacostia River.

Members and friends affected by Covid-19.

David, the father of Phillip and Harriet Vender's daughter-in-law, who is living with lymphoma.

For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service

Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Paul Cowden, Jon Jones, Lee Patterson and family members of those in service here and around the world.

From our hearts for

Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Bob Hedrick, Bernice Hoveland, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Emmanuel Kabasaala, Wayne Krumwiede, Margot Lyddane, Valerie Platz, Ron and Daphne Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Al Stauderman, Helen Vigness, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Winter, and Gloria Wolf.

Please email your prayer requests to Pastor Mike at wilker@ReformationDC.org.

Thanks be to God for today's Worship Leaders

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Facebook Host	Jenna Jablonski
Livestream Tech Team	Kiri Nicholson and Will Anderson

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We will continue to follow the guidelines of health professionals, scientists, government officials, and church leaders to make decisions regarding gathering for in-person worship. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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