

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

FINAL HYMN: 'Sing Out an Easter Song'

***Sing out an easter song,
tell everyone that the Lord has risen,
sing out a joyful song,
tell everybody that he's alive!***

1. Jesus Christ, Son of God,
gave his life upon a cross,
but the power of death was not
enough to hold him down.

Sing out an Easter song...

2. Taken down from public view,
he was placed inside a tomb,
but the power of love broke through
and raised him back to life.

Sing out an Easter song...

3 He returned to see his friends,
showed himself alive again.
What a day it must have been
to have him back again!

Sing out an Easter song...



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GATHERING HYMN: 'He is Lord' – (257)

COLLECT:

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



Acts 3: 12-19

FIRST READING

Peter saw that a crowd had gathered, and he said:

Friends, why are you surprised at what has happened? Why are you staring at us? Do you think we have some power of our own? Do you think we were able to make this man walk because we are so religious? The God that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and our other ancestors worshiped has brought honour to his Servant Jesus. He is the one you betrayed. You turned against him when he was being tried by Pilate, even though Pilate wanted to set him free.

You rejected Jesus, who was holy and good. You asked for a murderer to be set free, and you killed the one who leads people to life. But God raised him from death, and all of us can tell you what he has done. You see this man, and you know him. He put his faith in the name of Jesus and was made strong. Faith in Jesus made this man completely well while everyone was watching.

My friends, I am sure you and your leaders didn't know what you were doing. But God had his prophets tell that his Messiah would suffer, and now he has kept this promise. So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3.1—7

Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are. But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are. My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be hasn't yet been seen. But we do know when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is. This hope makes us keep ourselves holy, just as Christ is holy.

Everyone who sins breaks God's law, because sin is the same as breaking God's law. You know Christ came to take away our sins. He isn't sinful, and people who stay one in their hearts with him won't keep on sinning. If they do keep on sinning, they don't know Christ, and they have never seen him.

Children, don't be fooled. Anyone who does right is good, just like Christ himself.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL HYMN— 'We're Children of God'

We're children of God; we're welcomed and claimed.
We're given new birth, renewed and renamed.
The world may not know yet to whom we belong,
But we are God's children and love is our song.

We're children of God who takes away sin.
In Christ we abide; our life is in him.
We offer forgiveness, seek justice and peace,
And reach out to others, that love may increase.

We sing the final verse after the Gospel Reading

We're children of God and so our delight
Is living the life that's good in God's sight.
One day we'll be like him, transformed from above
To sing for eternity God's song of love.



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GOSPEL

Luke 24: 36b-48

Narrator: Suddenly the Lord himself stood among his disciples.

Jesus: Peace be with you.

Narrator: They were terrified, thinking they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus: Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have.

Narrator: He said this and he showed them his hands and his feet. The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. So Jesus asked them:

Jesus: Do you have something to eat?"

Narrator: They gave him a piece of cooked fish which he took and ate as they watched.

Jesus: While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen.

Narrator: Then he helped them understand the Scriptures.

Jesus: The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened. I will send you the one my Father has promised, but you must stay in the city until you are given power from heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE GIFTS:

'Lord of the Dance' – (290)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

'Broken for Me, Broken for you' – (80)

'Our God Loves Us' – (HON 531)

