Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

Gathering
Prelude: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia”
Singing: “Sing Allelu”

Grace pouring forth like a fountain flowing
Our hearts open wide to sing your praise.
And our sound becomes sweet like an anthem ringing,
Praise to the name of the Lord.

Sing allelu, sing allelu, we rejoice in your love, Most High!
Sing allelu, sing allelu, in your light you shine forever,
Shine in us, Oh Lord, forever, we’re the light to the world, Allelu!

Let us who are afraid find refuge in Christ
and redemption assured in His name.
By day and by night we delight in your love
and forever your Word will remain.

Reconciliation
Liturgist: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
Psalm 116: 1-2

Singing: 439 “I Love the Lord: He Heard my Cry”
Singing verse 1

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I will hasten to his throne.

Liturgist: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord, “Lord, save me!”

Minister: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.
Psalm 116: 3-6

Singing: 439 “I Love the Lord: He Heard my Cry”
Singing verse 2

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.
Liturgist: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

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*Psalm 116: 7*

Silent Reflection

Singing: 836  “Bless the Lord, My Soul”

*Repeating*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Proclamation


Sermon: “Walking with an Alien”

Singing: 207 “Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

Come to us, beloved Stranger, as you came that Easter day.  
Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need you still today.
Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost,  
speak to us the prophet’s message you fulfilled upon the cross.

Stay with us and give us blessing, that our hopes again may rise.
Offer us your broken body; open our unseeing eyes.
Come to us, God's love embodied; touch our hearts with burning flame.
Risen Christ, once dead, now living, come to us through joy, through pain.

We would never fail to see you as you walk with us each day.
As a friend and not a stranger you would join us on our way.
Help us trust that through your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend,  
and to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful till life's end!

Dedication

Prayer

Benediction

Choir Singing: “God Be with You, Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, when life’s perils thick confound you,  
put His arms unfailing ’round you: God be with you till we meet again.
Worship Leaders

Piano/Liturgist/Vocals: Erin Pacheco
Prayer/Liturgist: Melissa Varghese
Flute: Lynn Hollender
Organ Prelude: Dora Diephouse
Choir Director: David Baar
Sound Engineer: Schuyler Roozeboom
Minister: Roger Nelson


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