



Gathering Song

Open the eyes of my heart

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you, I want to see you.

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.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you, I want to see you.

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.

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

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# THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People:      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise                    Hymnal 1982 – 440                    *Liebster Jesu*  
Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
*Jennifer Cook, soprano*

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

3. Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
    open thou our ears and heart,  
    help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
    Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
    hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

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## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

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? The 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to

you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And 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.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 24:36b-48

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

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Vern Cahoon

## The Nicene Creed

*Officiant and People*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. So let us appeal to the Lord, saying, “Answer us when we call, O God; *have mercy on us and hear our prayer.*”

Speak peace to your Church, Lord Christ. Open our minds to your truth. Open our hearts to your presence. Send us forth into the world as witnesses to your resurrection. *Silence*

Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Speak peace to our world, Lord Christ. Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance; give the people of the world hope. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Speak peace to the earth, Lord Christ. You entered into the created order and blessed it. Give us eyes to see signs of redemption. Give us courage to responsibly care for all that you have made. *Silence.*

Answer us when we call, O Lord;  
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Speak peace to those who work for the end of hunger and poverty, Lord Christ. You know the pangs of hunger; you know also the depth of our community's need. Comfort and encourage those who become discouraged in their work. Set free all those who are hard-pressed; fulfill all those in need. *Silence.*

Answer us when we call, O Lord;  
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Speak peace to the sick and sorrowful, Lord Christ. When we call upon you, you hear us. You do wonders for the faithful. In your name we pray that our loved ones would have their health restored. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Answer us when we call, O Lord;  
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Speak peace to those who are dying and those who are grieving, Lord Christ. Having been baptized into your death, O Christ, we await the day when we will be like you, experiencing the fullness of your resurrection. *Silence.*

Answer us when we call, O Lord;  
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Hymn                    I got me flowers                    Daniel Burton  
*Choir of All Saints'*

I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.  
  
The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, and the East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

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**Voluntary**

*Slane, arr. David S. Abramsky*

*Be thou my vision*

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*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano*

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## A Note on Today's Readings

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### *The Third Sunday of Easter – Year B*

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus he explained the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection to them. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread and they recognized him.

Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus from the very beginning of the Church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus and then Peter proclaims the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus. The second reading this Sunday speaks of the forgiveness of sins we have as a result of our life in Christ.

We are a people who through Baptism and Eucharist live in Christ's dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the Breaking of the Bread and acclaim him. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!"

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