

**PRELUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Liebster Jesu – J.S. Bach**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNHh0qiCWOk>

**INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

**Introduction:**

**Good morning to all of you. Welcome to today's Liturgy of the Word on this celebration of the Third Sunday of Easter.**

**We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.**

*– pause –*

**We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today's celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.**

**Today's homily is offered by our Pastor, Fr. Jim Bleackley.**

**Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.**

**ONE Minute of Silence**

**Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.**

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**Entrance Chant:**

**In Resurrectione Tua – Taizé**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-hybuhxJg8&t=2s>

Lyrics:

"In resurrectione tua Christe coeli et terra laetentur!"

(In your resurrection, Christ, heaven and earth rejoice!)

**Greeting:**

**Leader:** We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Penitential Act:**

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear,  
but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us  
rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.  
— *pause* —

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you opened the hearts and minds of  
those whom you encountered: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you are risen and among us even now:  
Christ, have mercy.

**ALL:** Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you call us to be witnesses and to keep  
your commandments: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

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**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Gloria:**

**Leader:** Together let us sing praise to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOPkiFXjqII>

**Collect:**

**Leader:** Let us pray: *- pause -*

God of all the prophets,

you fulfilled your promise of old

that your Christ would suffer

and so rise to glory.

Open our minds to understand the Scriptures

and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the risen

Christ, that we may be his witnesses

to the farthest reaches of the earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the

dead, who lives and reigns with you now and always

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

**Leader:** Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

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## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

\*\*\* Please see the document titled “Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-04-18-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

**First Reading..... Acts 3.13-15, 17-19**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:*

**Lector:**                **The word of the Lord.**

**ALL:**                    **Thanks be to God.**

\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\*

**Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 4**

[https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-110%20Third%20Sunday%20of%20Easter%20B%20-%20Psalm%204.mp3?\\_ga=2.143082422.2022944651.1618334662-1279089305.1591722439](https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-110%20Third%20Sunday%20of%20Easter%20B%20-%20Psalm%204.mp3?_ga=2.143082422.2022944651.1618334662-1279089305.1591722439)

**Second Reading.....1 John 2.1-5**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:*

**Lector:**                **The word of the Lord.**

**ALL:**                    **Thanks be to God.**

\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\*

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**Gospel Acclamation..... Luke 24.32**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciNRSYh1lJw&list=PL5agr\\_3e7q\\_qCxJJm-Wy39PWLakgI6qx1&index=31](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciNRSYh1lJw&list=PL5agr_3e7q_qCxJJm-Wy39PWLakgI6qx1&index=31)

*RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke.**

**ALL:**                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel..... Luke 24.35-48**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALL:**                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily..... Fr. Jim Bleackley**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Gw5zhbzUIU>

## **Profession of Faith:**

*\*\*\* Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

**Leader:** Let us profess our faith together:

**ALL:** I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Leader:** Let us bring our prayers before God.

\*\*\* See the PDF titled “Third Sunday of Easter 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful”

\*\*\*Response: *Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

\*\*\*Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:

**Leader:** God of abiding love and mercy, we thank you for calling us to stretch beyond our limitations and to live as witnesses to your risen Son. Hear our prayers and help us to live as repentant, forgiven, and loving members of Christ’s body.

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**Be My Hands and Feet – Tony Alonso**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkifBn7rPVM>



**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Leader:** With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

**ALL:** 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.

**Leader:** Deliver us, God, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days,  
that by the help of your mercy,  
we may always be free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Leader:** Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen

**Sign of Peace:**

**Leader:** Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Leader:** Let us pray:  
Protect with loving-kindness, Lord,  
the people you have renewed  
through the paschal mystery of Christ,  
and grant them this reward:  
the resurrection of the body to glory everlasting.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen**

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## **CONCLUDING RITES:**

### **Blessing:**

**Leader:** May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

### **Dismissal:**

**Leader:** Let us go forth in the peace of Christ, alleluia,  
alleluia.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

## **CLOSING HYMN:**

**On the Journey to Emmaus – Marty Haugen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h-wlsGDnUE>

**POSTLUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Prelude on Jesus Christ is Risen Today – Healey Willan**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIwf\\_LaRXfo&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIwf_LaRXfo&feature=youtu.be)