

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EARTH DAY SUNDAY

April 18, 2021

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

We are the Body of Christ, united in the Spirit.
We know Christ's presence in the Eucharist, the Word,
the people of God, and all of creation.
Sharing Communion physically or through virtual gathering
unites our hearts and minds that all may be one.

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing & Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- - - lu-ia.
Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- - - lu-ia.

Closing Hymn

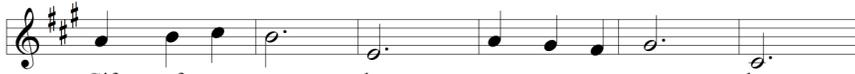
Touch The Earth Gently



1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2. Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
3. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



Gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
Health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

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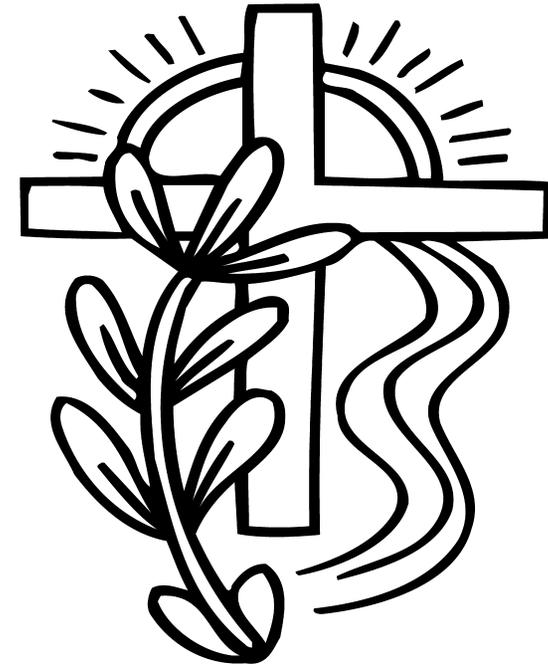
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*You are invited to have a candle and bowl of water
for today's liturgy.*

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*Those attending worship in person at the monastery,
are reminded that only the cantor will sing,
and to sit with appropriate 6 foot distance from those around you.*

Lighting of the Candles

May the light of Christ, rising in glory
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Gathering Hymn

We Celebrate the World

1. We cel - e - brate the world which God has giv - en
2. We pray for strength, O God. Your pow'r through us re -
3. We know we have a part in - heal - ing our torn

us to tend, pro - tect and - keep it yet a
lease to live with less, that - we can bless our
earth. All hu - man - kind a - waits a sign that

treas - ure and a - trust. Still all cre - a - tion cries for
world which longs for peace. Re - mem - ber - ing your son who
jus - tice may re - birth. Let us, God's a - gents now, com -

us to show we care that o - ceans wane, few -
would not bow to wealth, when we right wrong, by -
mit our - selves this hour to heed God's word, and -

birds re - main, felled for - ests leave land - bare.
faith made strong, we help - our plan - et's - health.
be as - sured we can - bring hope to - flower.

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Sprinkling Rite

*Those joining us from home are invited to bless themselves and each other
with water.*

Opening Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

ALL sing together:

1. Lamb of God,
2. Bread of life, you - take a - way the sin of the
3. Sav - ing cup,
4. Lamb of God,

To repeat

world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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Presider The bread which we break,
is it not communion in the body of Christ?
The cup of blessing which we share,
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?

All So all of us are one body,
all who share the one bread and drink from the cup.

Communion Rite

Reception of Communion

Our Communion bread is gluten-free.

*To receive the Communion Bread, please come to the two stations
behind the altar, keeping appropriate distance from others.*

*Please use the hand sanitizer before approaching
the Communion minister.*

*Use two cupped hands to receive the bread.
Step to the side to partake of the bread
or consume when you return to your place.*

Gracious God, we thank you especially for Jesus.
 In the fullness of time,
 you sent him in your name to draw us ever closer to you.

**In the spirit and example of Jesus,
 we are gathered here to celebrate this meal,
 to become a living sign of your presence in our world.**

We recall that he took bread
 and thanked you for your constant love.
 He broke the bread, and gave it to his friends saying:
 Take this and share it among you.
 This is my body given for you.

He also took the cup of wine.
 Again he gave you thanks and praise
 and shared it with those who were with him saying:
 Take this and drink from it, all of you.
 This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood,
 shed for people everywhere.
 Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.

With great joy, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Giver of every good and perfect gift, send your Spirit upon us,
 so that we who eat this bread and share this cup
 may become one people nourished by your love.

**We pray that by the action of this same Spirit,
 we may know that all creation is from your hand
 so that wherever we are
 peace, justice and care for the earth
 will be the signs of your presence among us.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ.... forever and ever.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men!

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Following each reading:

Reader The Word of Salvation
 All Thanks be to God

*A time of silent reflection follows each reading
 as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.*

Psalm 4

O God, let your face shine on us.

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

Honduran Alleluia

¡Al-le - lu-ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡Al-le - lu-ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A-le -

lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó!

Traditional Honduran melody

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
 All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel
 All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Affirmation of Faith for Earth Day Sunday

Presider Let us stand and affirm our faith together.

Women/girls We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and celebrates all things.

Men/boys We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin
and all creation.

Women/girls We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us.

Men/boys We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.

Women/girls We believe the Spirit renews life in creation,
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

Together We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate
a new creation.

Adapted from Liturgy USA- Planet Earth Sunday.

General Intercessions *Response:* Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

*Remaining at your place, greet one another with a bow
or other gesture as a sign of God's peace.*

Presentation of the Gifts

A basket is available on the table to receive your donations.

Thank you for your generosity.

The gifts of bread, wine and our offering are brought to the altar.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer for Earth Day Sunday

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

The Assembly parts are printed in bold.

Presider May God be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up to our God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the God of all.

ALL It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Source of all life, God of all creation.
In the beginning your Spirit hovered over the earth
and called into being every creature that exists.

**Earth itself responded to your love
and to every creature that came to be,
you said: Yes, you are good.**

The waters brought forth life.
Into clay you breathed a living soul.
From that day all creation has sung your praise.

**There is nothing that is not drawn to you
for the glory of your presence is written on all that is.
You are reflected in high mountains and lowly valleys.
You are there in the deep oceans and the farthest stars
and in the stirrings of our hearts.
So we thank you, Creator of all,
and give you praise for your beautiful world,
and for every person
who has touched us with your presence.**

We blend our voices with the prayer of all creation
and sing your praise with words that shall never cease:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly One, God of pow-er, God of might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God. Ho-san-na
in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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