

An introduction: In this reading Peter is addressing a crowd after healing a lame man, and he gives the glory to God and to Jesus. To this crowd of Israelites he explains how Jesus suffered at their hands, but this was done in ignorance, and to fulfill a prophecy about the messiah.

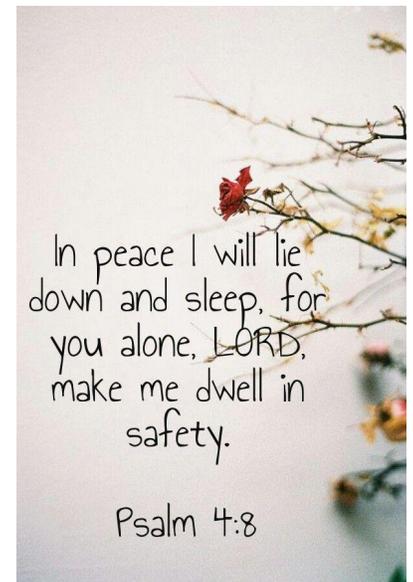
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [3:12-19]

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 this man 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People. **Response: 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.



An introduction: In this passage from First John we are reminded of our new status as children of God, and what should flow from that regarding sin and righteousness. The writer also refers to sometime in the future when a mystery will be revealed and we will be like Christ.

A Reading from the First letter of John [3:1-7]

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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Gospel Hymn Love's Redeeming Work Is Done 188, Hymnal

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNXfAF6ZWMs&t=36s>

St. Margaret's virtual choir, Hornby, UK. Note the cute little kid with mom in the upper left block.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [24:36b-48]

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus 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 you—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."

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for this community. God who came to earth as one of us, help us see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with him we remain ready to kneel with basin and towel before each other and before those you continue to bring into our midst.

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who suffer. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, please join me in saying their names: **Jackie Rogers, Liam Ferguson, Ralph Porfido, John B. Avery, Bunny Stoddard, Xondra Smith, Tyler Emerson, Christy McCaulay, Karl Vander Woude, Hank and Jean-Marie Peterson, Jaxson Bagore, David and Deb McRich, Kate, Dave Quinn, Mark Flescher, Noreen Watts, Sherry Sachritz, Jeannine Edwards, Joan Mistretta, Ethel Cooper, Charlena McDufford, Lex Burton, Roxie Bowker, Sandy & Virginia Lyman, Rosemary Hall Evans, Laurie MacGregor, Anna Hayden, Patti Schaffer, Adon Fogg, Sue Wheeler, Pat Cowles, Herb Little, Larry Cormier, Valerie Lowe, Zachary Lemire, Dave Stoddard, Larkin Bryant, Lyle Johnson, Bill Gilmore, Bob Hochstein, Amy and Julian, Don Perlee, Marcia, and Cindy, and for those you name silently out aloud.**

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have died, especially those who have died serving their country. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope.

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Eulo4AcDyk>

Calvary-by-the-Sea Lutheran Church, Honolulu, Hawaii. Three generations dance and sing the Lord's prayer outdoors on Easter Sunday.

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, forever and ever. Amen

The Blessing

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/RkNI-7caB6M>

Closing Hymn

Come Ye Faithful

199, Hymnal

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8c9iP6DHIwo>

St. John's, Detroit

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in
death
as a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
and with true affection
welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

3 Neither shall the gates of
death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal.
But arisen 'midst thy friends
thou didst stand, bestowing
thy true peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune by Bonn

Jim Roan

YouTube: https://youtu.be/AeC8Hmh_JNw

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Birthdays:
Linda Massimilla
Elaine Cormier-Harris

PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY	11:15 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom Click Here for log-in information
Tuesday, April 20 th	11:00 am	Centering Prayer, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Dinner Bell, hosted by Paul Lopes - Take Out Only
	6:00 pm	Vestry – Zoom
Wednesday, April 21 st	7:00 pm	Sacred Ground A film-based series on race and faith - Zoom

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