**Recovery Sunday Eucharist Easter 3A April 30, 2017**

*(Please adapt as needed or desired)*

**The Word**

**Welcome**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
***People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Collect for Purity**

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Presider* God be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Collects**

*Presider* 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.**

And,

***All* God, we offer ourselves to you, to build with us and do with us as you see fit. Relieve us of the bondage of self, that we may better do your will. Take away our difficulties; that victory over them may bear witness to those we would help of your power, your love, your way of life; May we do your will always. Amen.**

**First Reading**  Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 116:1-4, 12-19

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-23

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn**

**Gospel** Luke 24: 13-35

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayers of the People (Adapted from the Twelve Steps of AA)**

God, help us to admit our powerlessness and the unmanageability of our lives. Lord, there are some things over which we have no control. The more we try to manage them alone, the worse they become. Without your help, our lives just don’t make sense. We have come to believe that a Power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity. Restore us to sanity, Lord. *(Steps 1 and 2)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

God, help us to make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to your care. It is difficult to let go and to let you work your grace in our lives, Lord. But you are God, who meets us where we are. Help us to release our grip and flow into the loving arms of your embrace. *(Step 3)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

God, help us to make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. With your help Lord, we can face our brokenness and share that brokenness with a person we trust, admitting to you, to ourselves, and to that person the exact nature of our wrongs. We will not be abandoned, and we trust that you will remove these stumbling blocks that cause us to fall. We are entirely ready to have you remove all these defects of character and to give us strength when we are tempted to fall back into old patterns of behavior. God, we ask you to remove our shortcomings. *(Steps 4, 5, 6 and 7)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

God, help us to make a list of all persons we have harmed and become willing to make amends to them all. As hard as it is, God, we will make amends to all whom we have injured whenever possible, except when to do so would cause even more hurt. Grant us courage to make our amends. *(Steps 8 and 9)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

God, help us to continue to reflect on our thoughts and actions, especially those that tempt us to sin, and when we are wrong, help us to admit it. It is not enough to live these prayers once. Help us to reflect often on who we are and who we are becoming. Give us humility to know ourselves. *(Step 10)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

Through prayer and meditation we will continue to improve our conscious contact with you, God, praying only for knowledge of your will for us and the power to carry that out. We know that prayer and meditation takes practice, God. Help us to learn and grow in the ways we seek to hear your voice. We pray, Lord, for the power, grace, and will to seek you out in all that we do, to know and to do your will always, day by day. *(Step 11)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these practices, we will try to carry the message of your love to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs. All good gifts are meant to be shared, God. Grant us grace and opportunity to share the blessings you have given to us and to let our lives reflect them in our prayer. *(Step 12)*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

*Please add any intercessions specific to your community*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is know to you alone, and especially for those lost to the disease of addiction, that, with all the saints, they may rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. *The people may add their own petitions.*

***Loving God, receive our prayer.***

*The Presider concludes with the following:*

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. ***Amen****.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept*

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love and serve only your will***. Amen.*

**Absolution**

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. *(Matt 5:23-24)*

**Offertory Hymn**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise**.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread,

and gave it to his friends, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**

**as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

**Breaking the Bread**

*Presider* Alleluia! Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

***People* The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. One body are we, for though many, we share one bread. Alleluia!**

*(Also see options for Fraction anthems #875-877 in Wonder, Love, and Praise. Also S167 in H1982)*

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Communion Hymn**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Presider* Now, let us give thanks for all we have received.

***All* Holy, gracious, and loving God, you have welcomed us into your presence, poured your forgiving and healing power upon us, and nourished us with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, to proclaim your truth and live your love, one day at a time, forever more. Amen.**

Presider In the presence of our Creator who has led us to this holy space and time, let us say together the Serenity Prayer:

**All God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if we surrender to your will, so we may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**The Dismissal**

*Presider* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

***People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**