

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Third Sunday of Easter A – April 26, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist Amy Turner

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)**

One: Beloved, we are God's children now;

**All: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him. (1 John 3:2)**

One: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

**All: Blessing and honor and glory to God! (Rev. 5:12–13)**

Prayer of Day

Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Let us pray. Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

(Personal and Silent Prayers of Confession.)

### Declaration of Pardon

### Gloria Patri

First Reading: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Our first text today is from the book of Psalms, Psalm 116, verses 1 through 4, and moving to verses 12 through 19. Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

116:1 I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

116:2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

116:3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

116:4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

116:12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

116:13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

116:14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

116:16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

116:17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

116:18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

116:19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

One: The inspired Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Prayer of Illumination

Our sermon text is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 24, verses 13 through 35. Let us listen to the inspired Word of the Lord.

24:13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

24:14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

24:15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

24:16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

24:17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

24:18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

24:19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

24:20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

24:21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

24:22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

24:23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24:24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

24:25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

24:26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

24:27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

24:28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

24:29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

24:32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

24:33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

24:34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

24:35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The inspired Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“A New Reality, A New Walk to Emmaus”

Rev. Chris Turner

Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,

For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

5 For Thy Church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

The Apostles's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn

"Amen"

Offering

Doxology

Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone!

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation

Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him,

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise,

"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,

Thou on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful

Flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

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