



*The Third Sunday  
of  
Easter*

## *Prelude*

### *Entrance Hymn*

[tune: 416]

Jesus, Sovereign, Savior, once for sinners slain,  
Crucified in weakness, raised in power to reign,  
Dwelling now immortal, endless in your days,  
Unto you be glory, honor, blessing, praise.

Faithful ones communing toward the close of day,  
Desolate and weary, met you on the way.  
So, when sun is setting, come to us and show  
Your truth, and within us make our hearts to glow.

In the upper chamber, followers in fear,  
Gathered sad and troubled, there you did appear.  
Christ, be present with us, bid our sorrows cease;  
Breath on us O Savior, say, "I give you peace."

### *Easter Greeting*

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen!**

*A: Christ is risen!*

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Amen.**

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God  
who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he  
gives to us be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

### *Prayer of the Day*

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Gracious God, as you blessed your people of the past  
by dining with them, bless us also, this day, by joining us  
around the table we set in your name, believing that, in  
your presence, we will be nurtured in heart, soul and  
mind; enlightening our thinking and inspiring a radical  
compassion and hospitality that sends us out to respond  
faithfully and effectively to the pernicious hungerings of  
our times. We come to take our place with you, come**

now, and take your place with us, for it is in your name we pray. Amen.

## *First Lesson*

## *Genesis 18*

### *Abraham Dines with the Divine*

**N**ow Adonai, the Lord, was seen by Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as Abraham sat at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day. Abraham looked up and almost could not believe what he saw! There were three men standing there in the sun opposite his tent. When Abraham saw them, he jumped up and ran from the tent entrance to meet them, bowing down to the ground and saying, "My lords, please, if I find favor with you, please, do not pass by your servant. Please, let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread that you may refresh your hearts, and after that you may pass on--for you have, after all, passed your servant's way!"

So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham ran back into the tent to tell his wife, Sarah, "Quickly! Take three full measures of our choicest flour and knead it to make cakes!"

Then Abraham ran out to the oxen and took a young ox, tender and good, and gave it to a servant who quickly made it ready to be ready for the feast.

Then Abraham ran and got cream and milk and the young ox that he had prepared and set it before the three men.

Abraham stood across the way from them, under the tree, while the three men ate.

Then the three men said to Abraham, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" And Abraham said, "There, in the tent."

Then one of the three men said, "I will return, yes return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah will have a son."

Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind the man. Now Abraham and Sarah were rather old, old enough that Sarah was beyond the age of showing any indication that she was still able to become pregnant.

So, Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I become worn out is there to be pleasure for me? And even my Lord is old."

But Adonai, the Lord, said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Will I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything beyond Adonai, the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

But then Sarah pretended, saying, "No, I did not laugh"; for she was afraid.

But he said, "Oh, no, indeed, you laughed."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## ***Psalms***

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*Adonai, the Lord, is faithful in all the Lord's words,  
and gracious in all the Lord's deeds.*

**Adonai, the Lord, upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

*The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.*

**You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

*Adonai, the Lord, is just in all the Lord's ways,  
and kind in all the Lord's doings.*

**Adonai, the Lord, is near to all who call on the Lord,  
to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

*He fulfills the desire of all who fear the Lord;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.*

**Adonai, the Lord, watches over all who love the Lord,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

*My mouth will speak the praise of Adonai, the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless the Lord's holy name forever and ever.*

## ***Second Lesson***

***Luke 7***

### **A Pharisee Dines with the Divine**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, so Jesus went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, learned that Jesus was

eating in the Pharisee's house and she came and brought an alabaster jar of ointment to into the dining room. The woman then stood behind Jesus, at his feet, weeping, and she began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus to lunch saw what was happening, he said to himself, "Hah! If Jesus really was a prophet, he would know who this woman is and what kind of woman is touching him--that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered the Pharisees thoughts, saying, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," the Pharisee replied, "Speak."

Jesus said, "There was a certain creditor had two debtors. One of the debtors owed him five hundred denarii, and the other owed him fifty. When neither of them could pay their debt, the creditor canceled the debts for both of them. Who, then, will love that creditor the most?"

Simon answered, "That one who had the most forgiven."

And Jesus said to him, "You have judged correctly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; because she has shown complete, unselfish compassion and love. But, of course, the one who feels that only a little needs to have been forgiven of them – as you said - loves less."

Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

*Reader: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

*Children's Sermon*

## *Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give  
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;  
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## *Gospel*

*Luke 24*

### **Disciples Dine with the Divine**

**L**isten! On Easter day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, which is about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that were happening at that moment. As they were conversing and discussing, Jesus, himself, came near and went along the road with them, but their eyes did not see him in a way that they knew it was him.

And Jesus said to them, "What are these words that you are tossing back and forth with one another as you walk together?" This stopped them in their tracks and they look gloomily at each other.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, said to Jesus, "Have you have been visiting in Jerusalem and still don't know what has

been going on there these last few days?

Jesus asked them, "What do you mean?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus, the Nazorean, who became a great prophet, powerful in words and works before God and all the people to the point that our religious leaders handed him over to the judgement of death and crucified him. But we had hoped that Jesus was the one who was getting ready to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all of this, it has been three days since he died, but some women from our group got us all excited because they went out to the tomb early in the morning and when they did not find his body there, they came back speaking about having seen a vision of angels and saying, 'He lives!' Some of us who were there went to the tomb and found it was just as the women said, but they did not see Jesus.

Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how misunderstanding and slow the heart is to have faith grounded in all that the prophets have said. Was it not God's ordained plan that the Christ suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

And beginning with Moses and going on through all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he was just going to keep walking on.

But they strongly urged him to stay with them, saying, "Stay with us! It is late in the evening, and the day is almost over."

So, Jesus went in to stay with them.

When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were completely opened, and they recognized him, and he was no longer seen by them.

And they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts caused to burn within us while he was talking to us along the way - while he was completely opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and went back to Jerusalem and they found the eleven apostles and their companions, all gathered together.

Those who had gathered were saying, "Adonai, the Lord, has been raised, indeed, and Simon has seen him!"

Then the two who had come back told the rest what had happened to them on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord!*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## *Sermon*

### *Hymn of the Day*

[Tune: 461]

1. Who are you who walk in sorrow down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated, bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you, we who also mourn our dead.  
We have stood by graves unyielding, eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
2. Who is this who joins our journey, walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown stranger, can you fathom depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told you how our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then you opened wide the Scriptures till our hearts within us burned!
3. Who are you? Our hearts are opened in the breaking of the bread —  
Christ the victim, now the victor living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus; on our hearts your image trace!
4. Who are we who travel with you on our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging, wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font you claim and name us, born of water and the Word.  
At the table still you feed us, host us as our Risen Lord!
5. "Alleluia!, Alleluia!," is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make your church your servant Body, sent to share your healing grace!

## *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of**



the Father, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## *The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace*

### *Offertory*

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

### *Offertory Prayer*

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### *Great Thanksgiving*

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P: It is indeed . . .*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**C:** 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

### *Distribution Hymns*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

# Post Communion Prayer

## Benediction

### Recessional

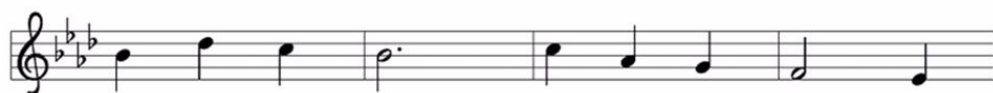
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

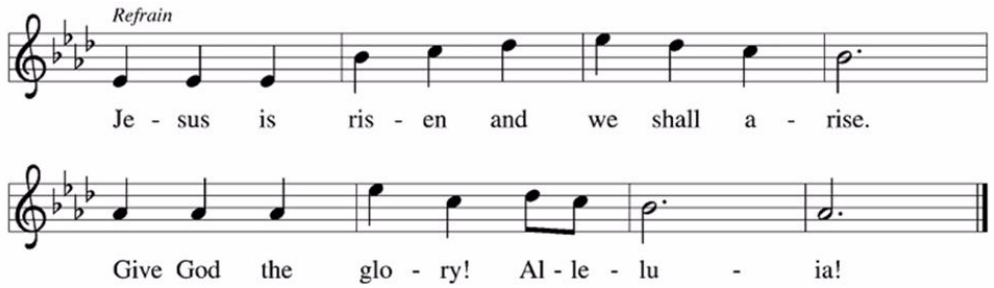


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!





## *Dismissal*

*A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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### **Sunday, May 4**

*Scout Sunday & Name Tag Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m. Congregational Breakfast

sponsored by Troop 174

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &

Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting

10:10 a.m. No Choir rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Regular Worship

### **Tuesday, May 6**

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

### **Wednesday, May 7**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

7:45 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 8**

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

### **Saturday, May 10**

9:00 a.m. Grace Bakers

**Sunday, May 11**

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class Final Exam Review

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

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