

Third Sunday in Easter

**10:30 am,
April 18th**

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ourselves to grow in faith
and love, to serve together,
and to reach out with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & GREETING

Following the welcome, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Be seated

Preservice Solo – 'I Will Rise'

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-14

P: ¹I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

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

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

C: ⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: ⁵Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: ⁶The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

P: ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

C: ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P: ⁹I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

C: ¹⁰I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted"

P: ¹¹I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

C: ¹²What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

P: ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

C: ¹⁴**I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

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- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

Opening Song ~ '10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Chorus)**

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Chorus)**

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

End Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy Name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ New Testament History

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Second Reading ~ New Testament Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Third Reading ~ Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But 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 happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road,

while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Apostles’ 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited forward for a brief lesson and treat.

MESSAGE SONG ~ ‘You Are My King’

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.

I’m accepted, You were condemned.

I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me

Because You died and rose again. *(Repeat)*

Chorus: Amazing love, how can it be
 That You, my King would die for me?
 Amazing love, I know it's true.
 It's my joy to honor You.
 In all I do, I honor You.
 In all I do, I honor You.

(Repeat all)

You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.

(Repeat chorus)

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SERIES ~ "The Shepherd Who Stays" (Acts 1:8)

SERMON ~ "On the Road" (Luke 24:32)

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

Offertory Solo ~ 'Above All'

Stand, as able

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your

good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song ~ ‘You Are Worthy Of My Praise’

(Leader) I will worship

(All) I will worship

(Leader) With all of my heart

(All) With all of my heart

(Leader) I will praise You

(All) I will praise You

(Leader) With all of my strength

(All) All my strength

(Leader) I will seek You

(All) I will seek You

(Leader) All of my days

(All) All of my days

(Leader) I will follow

(All) I will follow

(Leader) All of Your ways

(All) All Your ways

**Chorus: I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise**

(Leader) I will bow down

(All) I will bow down

(Leader) Hail You as king

(All) Hail You as king

(Leader) I will serve You

(All) I will serve You

(Leader) Give You everything

(All) Give You everything

(Leader) I will lift up

(All) I will lift up

(Leader) My eyes to Your throne

(All) My eyes to Your throne

(Leader) And I will trust You

(All) And I will trust You

(Leader) I will trust You alone

(All) Trust You alone

**(All) I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise**

(Leader) I will worship

(All) I will worship

(Leader) With all of my heart

(All) With all of my heart

(Leader) I will praise You

(All) I will praise You

(Leader) With all of my strength

(All) All my strength

(Leader) I will seek You

(All) I will seek You

(Leader) All of my days

(All) All of my days

(Leader) I will follow

(All) I will follow

(Leader) All of Your ways

(All) All Your ways

**(All) I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise**

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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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