

Order of Service

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

"With one mind and one voice glorify God the Father."

Opening Hymn: ELH 16 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[P = Pastor C = Congregation]

Invocation:

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

C: (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

P: Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead. Raise us up to a new life.

C: Give us repentance over our sins, and plant in us the joy of your resurrection. Alleluia!

P: Let us confess our sins before the Lord:

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our sins. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us through the willing suffering and death of our perfect Savior, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

C: (spoken) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Prayer for the Day

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection life, grant your people cheerfulness and the hope of eternal joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-47

(Peter preaches a message of repentance, faith, and baptism in the risen Christ to the people of Jerusalem. Many receive baptism and are added to the number of the disciples. Thus the church is born and enjoys the blessings of fellowship and community founded in Spirit-wrought faith by Word and sacrament.)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them... ³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter answered 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. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

⁴² They continued to hold firmly to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

⁴⁶ Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (EHV)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

May his face shine on us.

C: So that your way may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

P: May the peoples praise you, O God.

May the peoples praise you—all of them.

C: May the countries be glad and sing for joy,
because you rule the peoples with fairness.

P: The earth will yield its harvest. God, our God, will bless us.

C: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-21

(Christians live in the shadow of the resurrection of their Lord as “strangers” and “in reverent fear.” There is an awe that encompasses them as they consider the sacrifice of Christ and his resurrection. Faith and hope are not mere attributes in this life; they are its very essence.)

¹⁷ If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸ because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (EHV)

Congregational Response: ELH 353 vs. 1

Jesus lives! **The victory's won!**

Death no longer can appall me;

Jesus lives! **Death's reign is done!**

From the grave Christ will recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence;

This shall be my confidence.

The Confession of Faith — The 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 there 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.

Children's Sermonette

Hymn: ELH 340 vs. 1-3 *“Alleluia! Jesus Lives”*

Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heav’nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.

Jesus lives! Why weepest thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.

Sermon: Luke 24:13-35

“Walk with the Risen Lord!!”

¹³ Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped.

¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked them. They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹ But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with

them. ³⁰ When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹ Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” ³³ They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread. (EHV)

Hymn: TLH 203 *“Morning Breaks upon the Tomb”*

Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies;
See the glorious Savior rise.

Ye who are of death afraid
Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away;
See the place where Jesus lay.

Christian, dry your flowing tears
Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on His deserted grave,
Doubt no more His power to save.

Offering Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P: O Lord God, our Strength, our Song, and our Salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we extend the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures. Teach us to put your kingdom first.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With joyful hearts we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

The 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 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.

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 on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen

Closing Hymn: ELH 441 vs. 1, 2, 4

"O that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

O that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still!

O that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,

But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in Thy commands,

A most delightful road;

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God.