

Order of Worship + April 26, 2020  
Third Sunday of Easter

**Prelude:** ***This Joyful Eastertide; Charles Callahan***

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please take a few moments for silent reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Announcement of God's Forgiveness**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn

**LBW #143**

### 143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -  
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

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 Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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## **Salutation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Living God, Jesus reveals himself and is present with us in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts burn within us and our eyes be opened to his presence among us and for us through his redeeming work; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Lesson:**

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

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “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. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Praying the Psalms:**

**Psalm 116:1-14**

*Prayed responsively, with the congregation speaking the verses in **bold**.*

L: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “Lord, save me!”**

L: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**C: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

L: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**C: For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

L: that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**C: I trusted in the Lord when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;**

L: in my alarm I said, “Everyone is a liar.”

**C: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?**

L: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

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

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Announcement****Luke 24:13-35**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



# I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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Chords: Cm Cm G7 Cm G7 Cm Gm

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

Chords: Cm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b7</sup> E<sup>b</sup> G7 Cm/G

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

Chords: G7 Cm Dm7(b5) B<sup>b7</sup> Cm

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Chords: Adim B<sup>b7</sup> Cm Fm7 Cm G7 Cm Fm Cm

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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 Music: African American spiritual; arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland, b. 1937, Verolga Nix, b. 1933  
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## Apostles' Creed

- A: Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:  
C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give you praise for the redemption that is ours in Christ, not by that which perishes, but by his own precious blood. May we conduct ourselves as those who have been forgiven much and love much.

- A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

May our hearts burn within us as we hear your Scriptures opened up to us, and while we cannot receive the bread of your body, would you continue to open the eyes of our hearts to recognize you as Lord.

- A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are overcome by distress and sorrow. Lead them to commend their worries to you and call upon you in their time of need, trusting that you are gracious and full of compassion.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Tom and Sue Sadowsky as they grieve the loss of their nephew Collin Kettleson. Comfort them and their whole extended family during this time of mourning and fill them with the peace and hope that only you can give.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Continue to minister your healing to Alecia Huettl as she recovers from surgery, and bless and comfort the whole Huettl family during this difficult time.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who labor to protect us, especially for our government, armed forces, health care workers, police officers, firefighters and all first responders. Fill them with strength and perseverance, that they may carry out their work with zeal and courage.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the life of Kay Marshall. We commend her into your loving arms, and pray that the consolation of your love would continually fill her family and friends with peace.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: **Amen**

### **Peace of Christ**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
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; 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 upon you with favor + and give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**

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# Praise the Spirit in Creation

1 Praise the Spir - it in cre - a - tion, breath of  
 2 Praise the Spir - it, close com - pan - ion of our  
 3 Praise the Spir - it, who en - light - ened priests and  
 4 Tell of how the as - cend - ed Je - sus armed a  
 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spir - it, on our

God, life's or - i - gin: Spir - it, mov - ing on the  
 in - most thoughts and ways: who, in show - ing us God's  
 proph - ets with the Word; ho - ly truth be - hind the  
 peo - ple for his own; how a hun - dred men and  
 lives de - scend in might; let your flame break out with -

wa - ters, quick - ning worlds to life with - in, source of  
 won - ders, is for us the pow'r to gaze; and God's  
 wis - doms which as yet know not our Lord; by whose  
 wom - en turned the known world up - side down, to its  
 in us, fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white -

breath to all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.  
 will, to those who lis - ten, by a still small voice con - veys.  
 love and pow'r, in Je - sus, God by us was seen and heard.  
 dark and fur - thest cor - ners by the wind of heav - en blown.  
 hot in your pos - ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.

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 alt. tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

## **Dismissal**

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**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** *Improvisation – Toccata: “The Strife is O’er”*; Alfred V. Fedak

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