

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen indeed! Not only did He show Himself to be alive, but those who saw Him also faithfully proclaimed Him as the Risen One. As a result of those proclamations many people repented of their sin and received the promised Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully among the members of the Church to enable them to trust in Jesus for salvation. However, salvation is not the end of the story for we find the Holy Spirit giving Christ's Church the power not only to honor and serve Him as the risen Christ, but He also gives them the ability to live for one another. May He do the same among us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

¤ PREPARATION ¤

OPENING HYMN

463 Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ~~S~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: who has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Pastor: Rejoice, then.

People: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Pastor: God has claimed us as His own.

People: He has called us from our darkness into the light of His day.

CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our heavenly Father...

(silence for reflection and confession)

Pastor: For our hesitance to proclaim our faith, for our failure to witness to Jesus as our Savior, for our misuse of God's resources, for our failures, for our doubts and fears, and for our many sins,

People: forgive us, Lord. Give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (vv.1 & 3)

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
 Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
 For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
 Now is risen from the dead.
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
 Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
 Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
 To the triune Majesty!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, Your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread. Through the gift of faith open our eyes to behold Him in all His redeeming work, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

¤ WORD ¤

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- Leader: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
- Leader: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"
- Leader: The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.
- Leader: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.
For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
- Leader: that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
I believed; therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted."
- Leader: And in my dismay I said, "All men are liars."
How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?
- Leader: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- Leader: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains.
- Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD-- in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

(Peter reminds us that we redeemed by the blood of Christ.)

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ 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 forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever."

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "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. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ 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. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And 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 to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹ 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.

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³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² 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?"

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

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE WORD

352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
- 2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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.

ANTHEM

"Abide with Me"

setting by T. Beck

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
 Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
 Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.

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2 Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield;
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare in D Major"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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