

Memory Verse of the Week

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+Luke 24:32



*Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020-10:00 a.m. (Remote)*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020
10:00 a.m. (Remote)

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Church Bells

Prelude..... *Aria* - George Frederick Handel

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

C: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Hymn WORSHIP BOOK - 391
“This Joyful Eastertide”

Vs 1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

Vs 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Vs 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

The Greeting

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.

Song of Praise “*To Him Who Sits on the Throne*”

To him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, (repeat)
be blessing and glory and honor and power forever. (repeat)

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, Risen Jesus, we stand along the everyday road to Emmaus, facing so much we cannot move, pressed by all that drives, and blinds, and imprisons us in disjointed days. We come to see again your holy work of liberation and life. Open our eyes to see you breaking the curse that grips us. Open our eyes to see you here with us. Open our eyes with the breaking of bread so that we can go with courage to share what you have done for us along the way.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

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

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *1 Peter 1:17-23*

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined be-

fore the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151

“Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel *Luke 24:13-35*

(spoken) (text for pastor’s sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

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

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to the women,] two [of the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came

back and told us that they had indeed 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 they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Drama..... *“Our Risen Savior: Road to Emmaus”*

Sermon..... Rev. Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 361**
“The Day of Resurrection!”

Vs 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
 the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
 From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
 our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Vs 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
 the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
 and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Vs 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
 let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
 for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

Vs 4 Then praise we God the Father, and praise we Christ his Son,
with them the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One;
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

***Apostles' Creed**

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 Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, 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, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*after each petition, please respond as follows*):

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

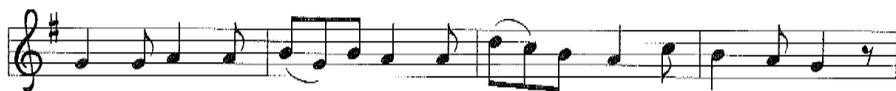
P: ...through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Time of Offering..... “*Day of Arising*” - **WORSHIP BOOK - 374**
(Jay Heare, soloist)

Canticle of Thanksgiving..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
“*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*”



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

Sending Hymn..... “Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King!
His love endures forever!
For he is good, he is above all things!
His love endures forever!
Sing praise! Sing praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
his love endures forever!
For the life that’s been reborn,
his love endures forever!
Sing praise! Sing praise!
Sing praise! Sing praise!

Forever God is faithful!
Forever God is strong!
Forever God is with us!
Forever! Forever!

From the rising to the setting sun
his love endures forever!
And by the grace of God we will carry on!
His love endures forever!
Sing praise! Sing praise!
Sing praise! Sing praise!

Forever God is faithful!
Forever God is strong!
Forever God is with us!
Forever!

Forever God is faithful!
Forever God is strong!
Forever God is with us!
Forever! Forever! Forever!

Dismissal

- A: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude.....*Short Prelude and Fugue in C - Johann Ludwig Krebs*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (4/26)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Linda McGahey
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild.....Bonnie Shurboff (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound..... Darold Heare, Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb

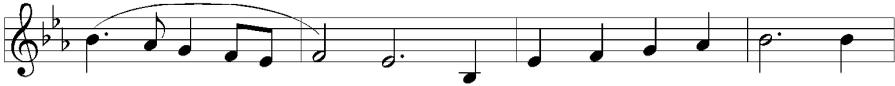
NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (5/1)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting MinisterDeb Waybright
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild.....Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound..... Darold Heare, Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb

This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - row.
 wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.



slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in vain.



But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: VRUCHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

The Day of Resurrection!



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 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his 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,
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.
with them the Ho - ly 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;
till 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 vic - tor strain.
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!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: ELLACOMBE, M. v. Werkmeister. *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784