

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God in Word and Sacrament

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

(Today's worship is online only)

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Onward, Christian Soldiers Arthur S. Sullivan; arr. James Curnow
Rickie Cooke, euphonium; Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, organ

(In observance of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp by Allied forces of the United States Army, on Sunday, April 29, 1945.)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 113 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Llanfair

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

O God, whose Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 2:36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-17

Unison

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

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

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice

and call on the name of the Lord.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 543 (st. 1) Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide Eventide

The congregation sits.

Sermon

In Poetry and Prose

Mike Krech

"Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:35

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

St. Flavian

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria for Easter Season Refrain of Hymn 122 Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Paul Curnow

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

All Christians are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Hymn 594

This Is the Feast of Victory

Festival Canticule

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 106 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks Alleluia No. 1

Postlude Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Tunes Unser Herrscher;

Joachim Neander; Foundation, early American melody arr. A.L. Page

Today is the third Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day through Pentecost (April 12 – May 31, 2020). We celebrate this joyful season of the resurrection victory in worship through the hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. It has long been common to omit confession of sin during the Easter season as an expression of the absolute victory over sin won for us by the risen Lord. Another practice in Easter season is reading the first lesson from the Book of Acts. This fifth book of the New Testament, written by Luke, author of the third Gospel, records the spread of faith in the risen Christ. (JMK)

Hymn Texts and Creed for Online Worship

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heaven, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

(Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.;

Tune: Llanfair; Robert Williams, 1817; Harm. David Evans, 1927)

Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide (st. 1)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

(Text: Henry Frances Lyte, 1847; Tune: Eventide, William Henry Monk, 1861)

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us and spread Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, Be our immortal food.

(Text: James Montgomery, 1825; Tune: St. Flavian; Day’s *Psalter*, 1562)

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

(Nicene Creed; continued)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This Is the Feast of Victory

(Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength and honor, blessing and glory are His.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the lamb forever. Amen.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!
(Text: Adapt. by John W. Arthur, 1978; Tune: Festival Canticle; Richard Hillert, 1978)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live forever.
Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.
(Text: Donald Fishel, 1973;
Tune: Alleluia No. 1; Donald Fishel, 1973; Arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel,
1979)