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## The Third Sunday of Easter

God's Gift Service T April 26, 2020

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Prelude

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

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

C Amen.

Call to Worship:

“I Will Call upon the Lord”

*by Michael O'Shields*

*Sung in unison:* I will call upon the Lord  
Who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock  
and may the God of my Salvation be exalted.

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*Verse sung in a round; chorus sung in unison; section sung  
TWICE*

► I will call upon the Lord	► I will call upon the Lord
► Who is worthy to be praised.	► Who is worthy to be praised.
► So shall I be saved from my enemies.	► So shall I be saved from my enemies.

► The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock  
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### God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,  
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'  
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin."*

*Psalm 32:5b NIV*

- P Do you confess to Almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner who has sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed and therefore justly deserve His present and eternal punishment? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has lived a holy life, satisfying all the demands of God's holy Law for you, and died, shedding His blood for you upon the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you ask God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus, to be gracious and merciful to you? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

*John 20:21,23 NIV*

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

### Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness:

"Jesus Messiah" *by C. Tomlin/D. Carson/E. Cash/J. Reeves*

*Verse 1:* He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Chorus:* Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

*Verse 2:* His body the bread, his blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Repeat the Chorus*

*Bridge:* All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

*Repeat the Chorus*

*Ending:* Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

## God's Gift of His Word

*By ourselves we are spiritually dead.  
By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.  
However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.  
He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:  
"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,  
through the living and enduring word of God."*

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

### First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Luke writes:]*

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

And Peter said to 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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading:

1 Peter 1:17-25

ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Peter writes:]*

If you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:13-35

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Luke writes:]*

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.

And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

And He said to them, "What things?"

And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and 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. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see."

And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them.

When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.      C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"

LSB # 486

*Sung to the tune of LSB # 362 "O Sing of Christ"*

1. If Christ had not been raised from death  
Our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath,  
Our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;  
He rules in earth and heav'n:  
His Gospel meets a world of need –  
In Christ we are forgiv'n.

2. If Christ still lay within the tomb  
Then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom  
With neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Savior is raised up,  
So when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope –  
In Christ the saints arise!

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3. If Christ had not been truly raised  
His Church would live a lie;  
His name should nevermore be praised,  
His words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives;  
Through Him we are restored;  
His Word endures, His Church revives  
In Christ, our risen Lord.

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Sermon:

"Alive in the Word!"

*All three Readings*

Apostles' Creed

P We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C 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 thence 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.

## Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

*The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:*

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed. We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,  
so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...*

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*

*– 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV*

You are encouraged to continue regularly giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord either online at [www.molcs.org/church](http://www.molcs.org/church) or by mailing them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave, Des Moines IA 50310 or bringing them to one of our drive through Communion services.

## Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

P We join in the Collect Prayer of the Day:

C O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Final Prayer

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant  
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;  
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word  
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;  
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;  
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and  
that we may be fully restored to newness of life  
through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”

LSB # 476



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'  
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us  
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,  
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om  
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,  
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!  
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;  
When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,  
Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures  
Make each day a new Em - ma - us;



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
Till our hearts with - in us burned.  
On our hearts Your im - age trace!

4. Who are we who travel with You  
On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging,  
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us,  
Born of water and the Word;  
At the table still You feed us,  
Host us as our risen Lord!

5. “Alleluia! Alleluia!”  
Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship  
As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people  
Called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body,  
Sent to share Your healing grace!

## Announcements and Postlude

T T T

**As you leave His Service today,**  
*God wants you to be assured that ALL your sins have been forgiven  
and that He has declared you to be His holy, beloved child,  
an heir of an eternal, never-ending relationship with Him.*

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**“Therefore, I urge you brothers [and sisters,] in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

**– Romans 12:1-2 NIV**

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