



Third Sunday of Easter

**Hope is Restored When the
Risen Savior is Revealed as Christ**

April 26, 2020

WORSHIP PRAYER

O Lord, you gather all believers into your family through your Son Jesus Christ. He has taken away the sins that divide us and created bonds of love between us. Forgive us for his sake for our failure to live out that love. Kindle in us a desire to gather around your Word with our fellow believers that we may share our lives with one another and encourage each all to your glory, O Lord. Amen.

SEASON OF EASTER

The Easter season begins with Easter Sunday and lasts for eight weeks. It is often called the “Easter Octave” for this reason. During the Easter season, we continue to reflect on Jesus’ resurrection, as well as what it means for us in our daily lives. Each Sunday has a special theme:

- Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord
- The Second Sunday of Easter: Doubting Thomas
- **The Third Sunday of Easter: Jesus Appears to Confused Disciples**
- The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Jesus, Our Good Shepherd
- The Fifth Sunday of Easter: Jesus Prepares a Place for Us
- The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Jesus Ascends to Take His Kingly Throne
- The Seventh Sunday of Easter: High Priest Jesus Prays for the Spread of His Kingdom

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gospel for this Sunday centers on Jesus’ appearance to two disciples who still did not yet know what was going on. We return to the afternoon and evening of Easter Sunday, before Jesus appeared in the locked room. These men did not yet understand why Jesus had to die and then rise from the dead. But Jesus opens their hearts to understand. He teaches them from the Scriptures that prophesied about his life, death, and resurrection. Though he does not allow them to recognize him at first, at the climatic moment, he breaks bread, and they see: He is risen!

If you watch the video on Facebook or YouTube, leave a comment so that we can know you joined us!

OPENING HYMN

In You is Gladness

Red Hymnal 346



1 In you is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness,
2 If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers,
Je - sus, Sun - shine of my heart. By you are
Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and
giv - en The gifts of heav - en; You the true
bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can change
Re - deem - er are. Our souls are wak - ing; Our bonds
them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of
are break - ing. Who trusts you sure - ly Has built se -
his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly And stands for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -
joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -
ia! Our hearts are pin - ing To see your shin - ing,
ia! We shout for glad - ness, Win o - ver sad - ness,
Dy - ing or liv - ing To you are cling - ing
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him
Now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
Glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: IN DIR IST FREUDE (PM) Giovanni G. Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622.

M In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly — Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fa - ther's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fa - ther, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord, re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fa - vor toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

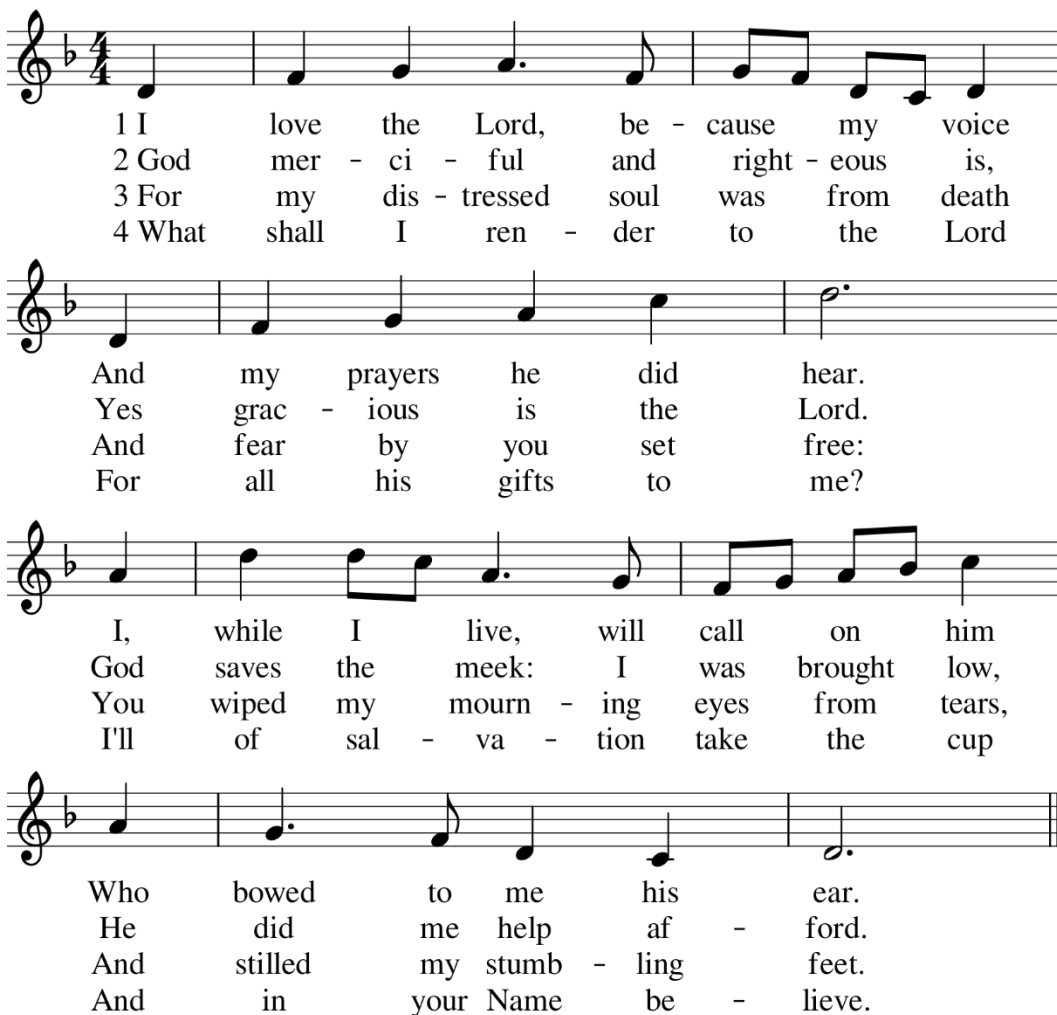
FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116



1 I love the Lord, be - cause my voice
2 God mer - ci - ful and right - eous is,
3 For my dis - tressed soul was from death
4 What shall I ren - der to the Lord

And my prayers he did hear.
Yes grac - ious is the Lord.
And fear by you set free:
For all his gifts to me?

I, while I live, will call on him
God saves the meek: I was brought low,
You wiped my mourn - ing eyes from tears,
I'll of sal - va - tion take the cup

Who bowed to me his ear.
He did me help af - ford.
And stilled my stumb - ling feet.
And in your Name be - lieve.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners 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 ancestors, 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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 24:32

M Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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 the only one visiting Jerusalem who does 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 they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah 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 continued on 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.

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.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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

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

Has sprung to life this mor - row.
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day
pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But
now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.
Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

SERMON

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When We Come Back: Part 1

1. We'll gather around the apostles' teaching
2. We'll share with our family
3. We'll gather with our family

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

If you wish, you may give an offering online at <https://www.atonement.org/give>.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*This week's prayers include Cheryl Drews' friend **Mary** who was in the hospital; **Bryan Crawford**, who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and has begun chemotherapy; **Jeff Baack**, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer; and **Lary Schlaack**, Ted Schlaack's father, who is in the advance stages of Alzheimer's.*

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead. Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost. Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures. Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE 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.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Red Hymnal 327

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain, By his
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath his

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With his sheep se - cure - ly
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -

fold you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.
vide you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we

meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we
meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics: "meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain." The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a hymn book.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, abr., alt.
Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833-96.