

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE SERVICE I  
APRIL 26, 2020 9:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN: "Father Welcomes" ..... [LSB 605]

*Refrain:*

**Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

**1.**  
**Little children, come to me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. Refrain**

**2.**  
**In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. Refrain**

**3.**  
**Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our LORD,  
Live in the peace of God. Refrain**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*) ..... (Page 151)

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have Mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

**P** In the Mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God Forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the Power to become the Children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, Who has begun this Good Work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our LORD Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" ..... [LSB 474]

**1.**  
**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Refrain**

*Refrain*  
**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2.**  
**Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Refrain**

**3.**  
**Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Refrain**

4.  
**Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Refrain**

5.  
**City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Refrain**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ~ *LORD, Have Mercy* ~ ..... (Page 152)

**P** In peace let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have Mercy.**

**P** For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have Mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have Mercy.**

**P** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have Mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.  
**C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "*This is the Feast of Victory*" ..... (Page 155)

**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.  
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.  
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
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.  
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.  
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... (Page 156)

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.  
**C** **Amen.** (*Please be seated*)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*"But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words...<sup>36</sup> Let all the House of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both LORD and Christ, this Jesus Whom you Crucified.'<sup>37</sup> 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?'<sup>38</sup> 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.'<sup>39</sup> 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.'<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.'<sup>41</sup> 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.

GRADUAL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**P** Christ has Risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has Crowned Him with Glory and | Honor,  
He has given Him Dominion over the Works | of His Hands;\*  
He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:17–25

*“And 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,<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,<sup>19</sup> but with the Precious Blood of Christ, like that of a Lamb without blemish or spot.<sup>20</sup> He was Foreknown before the Foundation of the world but was made Manifest in the last times for your sake,<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the Truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,<sup>23</sup> since you have been Born Again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the Living and Abiding Word of God;<sup>24</sup> for ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,<sup>25</sup> 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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” ..... [LSB 466]

**1.**  
**Christ has arisen, alleluia.**  
**Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.**  
**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,**  
**Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain:*  
**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;**  
**Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.**  
**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**  
**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**2.**  
**For three long days the grave did its worst**  
**Until its strength by God was dispersed.**  
**He Who gives Life did death undergo;**  
**And in its conquest His might did show.** *Refrain*

**3.**  
**The angel said to them, “Do not fear!**  
**You look for Jesus Who is not here.**  
**See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;**  
**Only the grave cloths are lying there.”** *Refrain*

**4.**  
**“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;**  
**He has arisen this world to save.**  
**Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;**  
**Even the battle with sin is won.”** *Refrain*

**5.**  
**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;**  
**Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living!**  
**Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant,**  
**Heavenly King.** *Refrain*

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O LORD ..... (Page 157)

*“That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.<sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> 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?’<sup>19</sup> 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,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death,*

and Crucified Him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His Glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going.

He acted as if He were going farther, <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When He was at table with them, He took the bread and Blessed and Broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?' <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, 'The LORD has Risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> 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.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow" ..... [LSB 476]

**1.**  
**Who are you who walk in sorrow**  
**Down Emmaus' barren road,**  
**Hearts distraught and hope defeated,**  
**Bent beneath grief's crushing load?**  
**Nameless mourners, we will join you,**  
**We who also mourn our dead;**  
**We have stood by graves unyielding,**  
**Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.**

**2.**  
**Who is this who joins our journey,**  
**Walking with us stride by stride?**  
**Unknown Stranger, can You fathom**  
**Depths of grief for one who died?**  
**Then the wonder! When we told You**  
**How our dreams to dust have turned,**  
**Then You opened wide the Scriptures**  
**Till our hearts within us burned.**

**3.**  
**Who are You? Our hearts are opened**  
**In the breaking of the bread—**  
**Christ the victim, now the victor**  
**Living, risen from the dead!**  
**Great companion on our journey,**  
**Still surprise us with Your grace!**  
**Make each day a new Emmaus;**  
**On our hearts Your image 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!**

SERMON:

NICENE CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* ..... (Page 158)

**C** 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

**P** You have heard our pleas for Mercy, O LORD, ...

After each portion of prayers: **P** LORD, in Your Mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** ... through Jesus Christ, our LORD, we pray,  
**C** Amen. *(Please be seated)*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... (Page 162)

**P** LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and Teach us 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECTS ..... (Page 166)

**P** Almighty and Merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your Presence and received both Forgiveness for our many sins and the Assurance of Your Love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved Grace and ask You to keep us in Faith until we Inherit Eternal Salvation; through Jesus Christ, our LORD.  
**C** Amen.

**P** LORD God, Heavenly Father, as we struggle here below with divisions among us, searching for peace among men, remind us daily of the Peace of Heaven Purchased through the Bloody Death and Triumphant Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, ☩ Who with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION ..... (Page 166)

**P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

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POSTLUDE

