#### Holy Gospel

## Luke 24:36-49

On the evening of the Resurrection, Jesus comes to visit His disciples. He shows them His hands and feet, and eats with them. Then He opens their minds to understand the Scriptures.

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

# C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

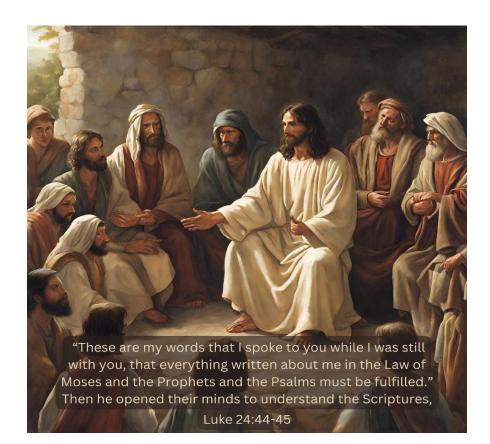
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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# Good morning and welcome to worship today!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The resurrection of Jesus changed everything in the lives of His followers. When He visited His disciples on that first Easter evening, He opened their mind and showed them how He had fulfilled the Scriptures. How do you see the fulfillment of Jesus in your life today? Our sermon title is, "Fulfilled!"



Sunday, April 14, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00am TRADITIONAL SERVICE Paul C. Appold, Pastor Mr. Ken Thies, Organist

### **Opening Psalm**

#### Psalm 4:1-3;8

P: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress

## C: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

P: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

### C: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

P: But, know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself

### C: the Lord hears when I call to Him

P: In peace I will both lie down and sleep

C: for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

# Collect of the Day

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.

#### All: Amen.

First Reading

# Acts 3:11-21

After healing a lame man in Solomon's portico, Peter witnesses that this was all done through the power of Jesus Christ, whom they killed, but God raised to life!

R: The First reading is from Acts 3, the eleventh chapter.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made

this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

The Apostle John reminds us of the blessings and the responsibilities of being the Children of God.

R: The epistle is from 1 John, the third chapter.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Not to Us O Lord"

Trinity Choir

1 John 3:1-7

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