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Luke 24:44-45

Good morning and Welcome to Worship!

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!”



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3rd Sunday of Easter
10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

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Welcome & Time of Greeting

Pastor Paul Appold

Time of Praise & Worship

Opening Medley

"All Who Are Thirsty"

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

(We sing)

(CHORUS 1) *Come Lord Jesus come*

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

(REPEAT ALL)

(CHORUS 2) *Holy Spirit come*

Holy Spirit come (REPEAT)

(TAG) *As deep cries out to deep*

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

(We Sing)

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

"Mighty to Save"

Everyone needs compassion - Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness - The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

(CHORUS) Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save - He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave - Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me - All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow - Everything I believe in

Now I surrender (CHORUS)

(BRIDGE) Shine your light - And let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory - Of the risen King, Jesus

Shine your light - And let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory - Of the risen King

(REPEAT CHORUS)

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Psalm of the Day

(Selected Verses from 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: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Heavenly Father, we are so grateful to be in Your presence to hear Your Word and sing Your praises. You are truly Great- the God who is above our earthly understanding. You bring about miracles that change people's lives. You fulfill our lives! Please open our minds and our eyes to see Your fulfillment today and our ears to hear Your Word.

All: In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen!

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

As children of God, we desire to follow the leadership of our Father. When we sin, we break the law, but Christ came to take away our sin, wash us clean, and make us new again. It is in Him we are found righteous in our Father's eyes.

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

¹ 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. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appear we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ 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.

Song of Praise

"O Church Arise!"

**O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness**

**Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations**

**Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him**

**So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory**

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-49

After His resurrection, Jesus miraculously appeared several times to His followers. In our passage today, we find the disciples discussing all the startling events they had witnessed and suddenly Jesus appeared before them once again. He ate with them a simple meal of fish and opened their minds to understand the fulfillment of Scriptures and the promised Holy Spirit. We, like the disciples, may feel startled, doubtful, fearful, or confused. But as we encounter our Risen Lord through worship, prayer, and fellowship, we ask Him to open our minds and hearts to see and understand as we bear witness to this Good News.

P: The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ 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.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for[b] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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.

Creedal Song

“We Believe”

**In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe**

**(CHORUS) *We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)***

**So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe**

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And He's given us new life
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We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again***

**(BRIDGE) *Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe***

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And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
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We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back***

**(ENDING) *He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe***

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Sermon Song

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

**When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast**

**(CHORUS) *He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast***

**Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast**

**(CHORUS) *He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast***

**For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last**

**(CHORUS) He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast (REPEAT CHORUS)**

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Offering

Anthem

"Holy Forever"

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Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Our Lord has called us to repent of our sins and believe the Good News! Please join me as we confess our sins together...

(A moment of silence beneath the cross to meditate on God's Word)

All: Forgive us, Father. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have often followed our own ways, rather than Your ways. We have been prideful, bitter, fearful, and unbelieving. Please send us Your Holy Spirit, to fill our lives with the strength to overcome temptation from the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, you have been forgiven and set free from all of your sins. His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection assure us of His complete forgiveness and fulfillment in Him. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon

"Fulfilled!"

Luke 24:36-49

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

We Prepare

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as the disciples pondered the mysteries of your appearance after the resurrection, we too hold this mystery of Holy Communion in our hearts and minds. We trust You to open our minds to understand Your broken body and spilled blood.

C: Increase our faith, we ask, and open our minds and hearts to receive You, Lord, for the forgiveness of our sins.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

(We share God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.)

Communion Songs

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"
**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed**

*To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*(Ending) When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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"Forever"

The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon Him

One final breath He gave
As heaven looked away
The Son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

**(Pre-Chorus) The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His (perfect) (reckless) love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting
Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated**

**(Chorus) Now forever He is glorified
Forever He is lifted high
And forever He is risen
He is alive and He is alive**

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**(Chorus) Now forever He is glorified
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And forever He is risen
He is alive and He is alive**

**(Bridge) We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah the Lamb has overcome (REPEAT)**

**We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah**

**(Ending) And now death where is your sting
Our resurrected King has overcome
He's overcome oh**

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Dismissal Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in both body and soul to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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

All: Amen.

Closing Song

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"
I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again (REPEAT VERSE)

(CHORUS 1) Amazing love how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You

(CHORUS 2) Amazing love how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

(ENDING) You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

(CHORUS 2) Amazing love how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You
In all I do I honor You

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