

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ONLINE WORSHIP April 26, 2020



Who Knew?

- 1) Start the **ONLINE VIDEO first**, and if you like
- 2) **OPEN today's bulletin** and follow along while listening/watching.

Today in Worship

- If you are reading this you've come to find us online in our new form of worship. One day soon we pray, we will gather again.
- Our prayers are with you during this time of global crisis. We worship today as people of hope and joy. Fear and worry need not, should not, dominate the Christian life because **we have hope and victory in Jesus Christ!**

AS WE GATHER

It took the resurrection to reveal God's eternal plans to save the fallen human race. Who among the people of Jerusalem knew that "this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36) would be Lord and Christ? Who knew that it would take His blood to pay for our sins. And how could the disciples on the road to Emmaus understand that their guest was Jesus, risen from the dead, until He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread? We would also be clueless were it not for the grace of God in revealing His plan of salvation to us and working faith in our hearts to believe it.

There is so much to be sung and to be told about the victory of Jesus—and we are the ones gifted with the opportunity to do the singing and the telling in our generation.

WELCOME — Paul Ventimiglia

Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord

Verse

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You
 I want to see You (2x)

Chorus

To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy holy holy

Verse

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Chorus

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 Shining in the light of Your glory
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Bridge

Holy holy holy
 Holy holy holy
 Holy holy holy
 I want to see You (2x)

Chorus

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 Shining in the light of Your glory
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Verse

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalms 124:8; 130:3–4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, should mark our sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Pastor: As we have heard God's Word, let us confess our sins, confident of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

People: We confess that we have been too aware of the fragile nature of our human flesh, fearful of withering under the heat of opposition from the society around us. We have not always trusted Your abiding Word. We confess that we have not always valued the promises of our Baptism. Forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! Our gracious Savior is with us today as surely as He was in Emmaus. The Holy Spirit continues to strengthen us as we follow the apostles' footsteps. You have been redeemed by the blood of Christ; which forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:17–25* (Since you have been born again, love one another.)

¹⁷ 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,¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you²¹ 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.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:13–35* (Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread.)

Reader: ¹³ That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied,

People: "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

Reader: ¹⁹ "What things?" Jesus asked.

People: "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

²² "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. ²³ They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! ²⁴ Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

Reader: ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶ Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" ²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him,

People: **“Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.”**

Reader: So he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

People: **³² They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” ³³ And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, ³⁴ who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.”**

Reader: ³⁵ Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow



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!

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*When have your eyes “been opened” to the presence of Christ in your life?
 What are you doing to **keep them open** and to see more of His teaching?*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for people around the world in their various needs, their nations and leaders, the Church as it proclaims Christ, and ourselves in this place. Awaken the people of the world, heavenly Father, that, like those in Jerusalem, they may see their need to repent of their animosity and hatred. Grant them to look for the welfare of not only themselves but also for the generations that follow them. Where they are oppressed, grant freedom; where they are exiled, open doors of repatriation; where they live in fear, provide the security they need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Raise up leaders in all the nations, Lord over all, so that they may seek ways that lead to peace with their neighbor states as well as justice and compassion for their citizens. Give them a sense of service to replace their thirst for power. We pray especially for those who serve our country and communities. Instill in them a desire to bring order from chaos and calm from conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: "All flesh is like grass," and so, Lord Jesus, we ask You to strengthen and preserve all who call out to You with illnesses or disabilities, in sorrow and mourning, from isolation and fear. Surround them with loving health care professionals, understanding counselors, and concerned circles of family and friends. Bring about the health, relief, and joy You have in mind for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, grant to us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

CLOSING MEDITATION – Resucitó

(Before you leave to continue the rest of your day,
please use this music to meditate on these words
of our Resurrection gladness)

Refrain

Resucitó, resucitó, Resucitó, Aleluya!

1. La muerte ¿dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?
2. Gracias sean dadas al Padre
que nos pasó a su reino donde se vive de amor.
3. Alegría, alegría hermanos,
que si hoy nos queremos es que resucitó.
4. Si con Él morimos, con Él vivimos,
con Él cantamos. ¡Aleluya!

(in English)

Refrain

Aleluya, aleluya, Aleluya, Resucitó!!

1. And death now, vanished is the fear now,
banished are my tears now, death has passed away.
2. The kingdom, praise to God, the kingdom!
Raised up to the kingdom, we shall live in love.
3. Our gladness, blissful in our gladness,
this will be our gladness, that **He is alive.**
4. With Him then, die and live with Him then,
Rise and sing our hymn then, sing alleluia.

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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

BENEDICTION

**For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7**

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no person evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and value the sanctity of life; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
The almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

People: Amen.

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

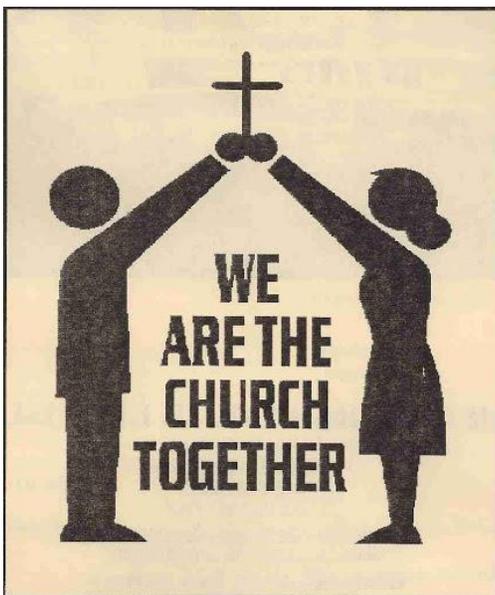


Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus

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- Be the Family of God 
- Be the Temple of God 
- Be the Body of Christ 
- Be the Light of the World 
- Be the Bride of Christ 

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