

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Online Service

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### WELCOME & EASTER GREETING:

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### HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (ELW 367)

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,

all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray. **O God, the disciples recognized Jesus when sharing a meal together. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Christ in your redeeming work in our lives and in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **GOSPEL: Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came 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 are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed 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 they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**REFLECTION** (for the text, visit [www.raspberryman.wordpress.com](http://www.raspberryman.wordpress.com), "Love finds us.")

**HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (ELW 377)**

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*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*

**PRAYERS OF PETITION\*:**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need, saying "Lord in your mercy" and responding, **hear our prayer.**

For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives – even during the disruption, anxiety and fear of the COVID-19 crisis. In response to your never-failing love, help us continue to show hospitality in our limited and imperfect ways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reminded at this time of year of the earth's rebirth, may we always walk gently upon this earth. May we walk in right relationships, nurtured by your love, taking only what we need, giving back to the earth in gratitude, honoring all with reverence, reconciling and

healing, mindful of those who will come after, recognizing our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Help us eradicate the earth of diseases that ravage. Walk alongside us as we strive to bring healing to and protect others from the coronavirus. Be with those who work in the depths of scary spaces and risk themselves and those they love every day. Grant all peace and strength. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, even during the COVID-19 crisis, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Bring justice to those who are perpetually stuck in poverty. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity, violence and selfish preoccupations. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit. For the communities in Nova Scotia reeling from horrific violence and searching for answers: restore, encourage and comfort them through the care of others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the faith forming ministries of this church continued online and by the phone during the pandemic. Empower, guide and inspire disciples and learners of every age and ability. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Bring peace to those who will die today. Comfort their loved ones in isolation even as we all look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (ELW 369)**

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you in grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace. **Amen.**

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\*Prayer sources from Sundays and Seasons for the Third Sunday of Easter (Augsburg Fortress) and "A Prayer for Earth Day" (Original by Michelle Balek, OSF and adapted by Rev. Anna Golladay)

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