



3rd Sunday of Easter

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

April 26, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

WORSHIP THEME

Hope Restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. How did the disciples fail to anticipate the resurrection? How did the teachers and people of Israel fail to see the Messiah God had promised and delivered? They let their wants and cultural expectations color their view of Scripture, and hope was lost. But God restored this ancient hope by raising Jesus from the dead and pointing his people back to his promises.

The Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

168 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light Let us u - nite In songs of sweet
2 True God, he first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais - es ring; Give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, Each take your part,
all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my Shall van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love



For - ev - er, he Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Said he, who
Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART (448 448 44 44 8) *Cinquante Pseaumes*, Geneva, 1543, alt.

INVOCATION

Please stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

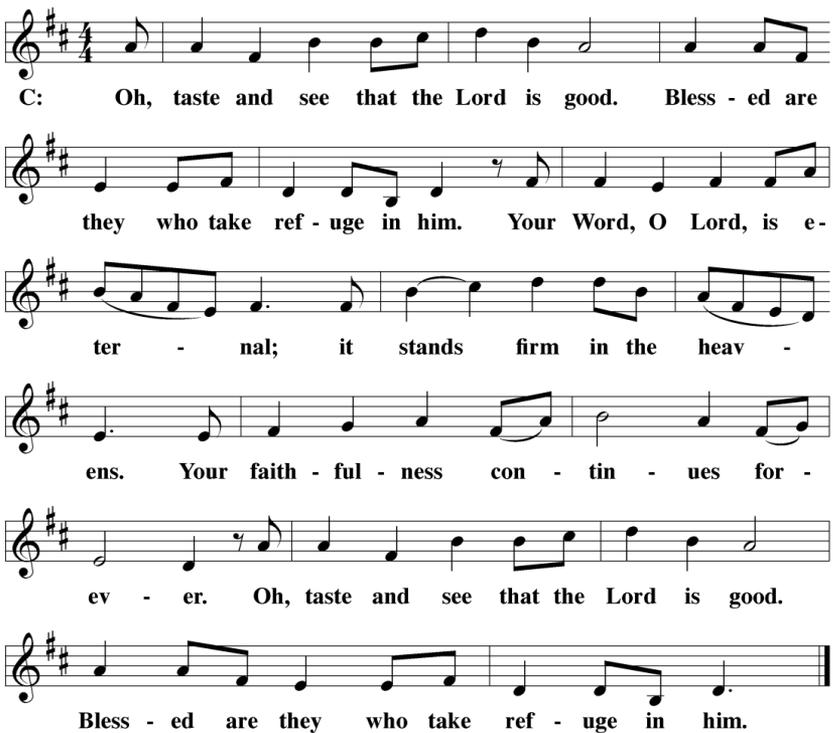
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

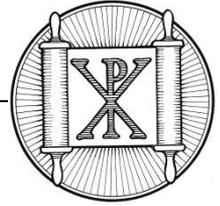
C: Amen.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Peter's sermon drove them to a hopelessness. What shall we do? Doesn't look for something to do. They realize there is nothing they can do. But, Peter restores their hope.

¹⁴ Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."³⁷ When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With

The Collect (also known as the "Prayer of the Day") is a concise prayer which "collects" the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Many of these prayers have been in use in the church for more than 1,500 years.

many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt^[a] generation!”⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

PSALM

Psalm 67

Refrain

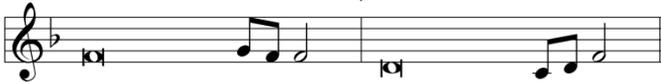


Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and bless us
And make his face shine upon us;
May your ways be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For you rule the peoples justly
And guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,
And God, our God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
And all the ends of the earth will fear him.
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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter's first epistle is a letter of hope in the midst of suffering. He wrote to believers chosen by God but persecuted for their faith, restoring hope.

¹⁷ If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers. ¹⁸ For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these last times for you. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth,^[a] so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure^[b] heart love one another constantly,^[c] ²³ because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

**All flesh is like grass,
and all its glory like a flower of the grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.^[d]**

And this word is the gospel that was proclaimed to you.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 24:32

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

These disciples had lost hope. We were hoping and now they were walking away without direction. They were lost. But Jesus appears and he restores hope, pointing them back to scriptures.

¹³ Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ Together they were discussing everything that had taken place. ¹⁵ And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus himself came near and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶ But they^[b] were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷ Then he asked them, “What is this dispute that you’re having^[c] with each other as you are walking?” And they stopped walking and looked discouraged.

¹⁸ The one named Cleopas answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn’t know the things that happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked them.

So they said to him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in action and

speech before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ But we were hoping that he was the one who was about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it's the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb, ²³ and when they didn't find his body, they came and reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see him."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow^[d] to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

²⁸ They came near the village where they were going, and he gave the impression that he was going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him, "Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?" ³³ That very hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together, ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they began to describe what had happened on the road and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

160 This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

Be Afraid

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth. 2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Lk. 1:35
born of the virgin Mary, Lk. 1:34; 2:7
suffered under Pontius Pilate, Lk. 23:16
was crucified, died, Mt. 27:32-61; Mk 15:21-47
and was buried. Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

He descended into hell. 1 Pet. 3:19

The third day he rose again from the dead. 1 Cor. 15:4b

He ascended into heaven Ac. 2:33-34

and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty. Heb. 1:13

From there he will come to judge Mt. 25:31

the living and the dead. 2 Tim. 4:1

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Mt. 3:16-17
the holy Christian Church, Eph. 5:23
the communion of saints, Eph. 4:3-6
the forgiveness of sins, Rom. 4:6-8
the resurrection of the body, 1 Cor. 15:13-19
and the life everlasting. Amen. 1 Th. 4:17

Be seated

OFFERING

We understand times are tough for many of our members. We only ask that you remain faithful in the use of gifts God has given you. Offerings are gathered throughout the week and placed on the altar. If you would like to give an offering, mail it to the church, drop it off, or donate online at our website via Vanco. Thank you for continuing to support Christ Lutheran Church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: We were dead in our sins, but the word of God entered into our tomb and called us out into new life. Let us pray to the Father, knowing that he listens to us.

M: Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for the gift of new life that you have given to us through the waters of baptism. Help us, as your baptised people to daily die to sin and rise to new life with Christ in the power of the Spirit. Lord in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer**

M: We pray for all those who are mourning the death of a loved one. Comfort them in the knowledge that Jesus has won a victory over death, so that everyone who dies in Christ may have eternal life. Keep us from fearing death, but at times of doubt, help us trust in Jesus. Lord in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: We pray for hospices and for people who work with the dying. Keep them strong, and give them peace to do their difficult work with dignity and sensitivity. Lord in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer**

M: Help us to live as Easter people who face death in the certain hope of resurrection. Comfort us every day with your promise that we will be raised up together with all who have died in the faith of Christ. Lord in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer**

M: Heavenly Father, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you rescue us from death and the grave. Restore us to life, so that we may serve you in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.

Be seated



1 Stay with us till night has come: Our praise to
 2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: Hear when our
 3 Walk with us; the road will bend: Make all our
 4 Talk with us till we be - hold A joy - ful
 5 Stay with us till day is done: No tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread; O - pen our
 wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain Our loss, our
 weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears; For - give our
 life you will un - fold: Heal our eyes To see the
 dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart; Your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.
 pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.
 fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.
 prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.
 part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

Allusions to Jesus' Easter walk with the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:13-35) beautifully frame this evening hymn of prayer.

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PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

333 Abide O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
 5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not
 with your Word And thus now and here -
 pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
 boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
 Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
 fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615, alt.

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