

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26th, 2020

Welcome to worship!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Easter affirmation: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: 843 "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all,

C: and also with you.

Let us join in the Prayer of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking
of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his
redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14, 36-41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of
Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him
both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the
other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be
baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be
forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for

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your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day: 629 "Abide with Me" verses 1, 3, and 5

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r!
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Prayers of God's People

Each part of the prayer ends with, Lord in your mercy
please respond: **C: hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

We pray together with hope the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,
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. Lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

Offering

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and follow the easy instructions.

Let us pray, Merciful God, you take our ordinary gifts and make them into an
abundance. Do the same with our lives, that we may serve in the name and
strength of the risen Christ, amen.

Announcements

Tuesday and Wednesday food box distribution, come at noon to help out!

Mask teams: NPPD & FD, 50 for Safeway workers, 100 for FMH. THANK YOU!

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Although some business are opening, it is not time to rush back to life as normal so please continue to wear masks, to wash frequently, and to keep that physical distance. We are still a long way off from gathering together in our sanctuary, so we will gather again for parking lot worship on May 10. You can read more about it in our newsletter that will come out later this week on our website.

Sending Blessing and Dismissal

L: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!