

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER

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## 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.

## INVOCATION

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.**

## FIRST LESSON

**Acts 2:14a, 36-47**

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?"

<sup>38</sup> Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call."

<sup>40</sup> He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, "Escape from this crooked generation."

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

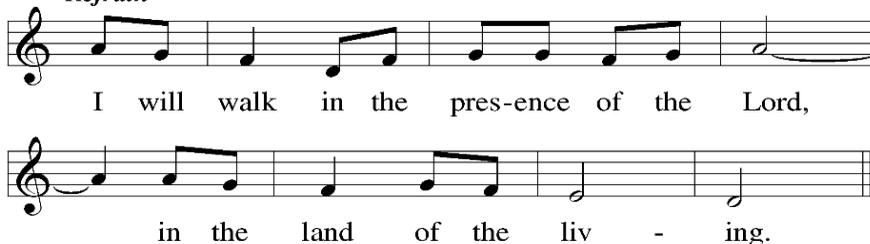
<sup>42</sup> They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

<sup>46</sup> Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

# PSALM

# Psalms 116

## Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

## Psalm tone



## Refrain

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.  
Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.  
The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

## Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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

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## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Peter 1:17-21

<sup>17</sup> If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup> because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! 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!

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

**Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped.

<sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked them.

They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup> When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?"

<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup> Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**CW #431**

## I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -



shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has  
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must  
 I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he  
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is  
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry



marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive  
 bear each day The cross of God's own send -  
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -  
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend  
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails



me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me  
 ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not  
 ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong  
 me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and  
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I



un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and  
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -  
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -  
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they  
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en



pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.  
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

## SERMON

### Luke 24:13-35 "A Perfect Day for a Walk (with Jesus)"



## HYMN

### "In the Garden"

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so  
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him, though the

dew is still on the ros - es; and the voice I hear fall - ing  
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; and the mel - o - dy that He  
night a - round me be fall - ing; but He bids me go; through the

on my ear, the Son of God dis - clos - es.  
gave to me with - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## **PRAYER**

God, our Father, you raised your Son Jesus from the grave and brought us victory over sin, death, and the devil. That true factual victory also means we have victory over the darkness that we often face in this world. Let the truth of Easter defeat our fears and doubts, so that our witness of your gospel may reach hearts that so desperately need to hear it right now. Let the truth of Easter defeat the temptations in our own hearts, that even as we struggle with sin, we remain forever in your irrefutable saving truth. Make us confident that your salvation depends not on our feelings, but on what Jesus has done for us.

Lord God, we also pray this morning for patience. Many of us are wondering when this isolation will end and when we will be restored to each other once again. Many of us are wondering when we can resume our regular observance of that wonderful gift you have given us for our highest good, the sacrament of Holy Communion. Almighty God, we ask for endurance and forbearance. May this fast from the sacrament and from human connection instill in us a continued deep desire for both. Let this time of difficulty renew our zeal for you and for serving one another in love. Be with people who are suffering right now whether from this sickness or the collateral damage they are experiencing in society. We especially pray for small business owners and for employees whose hours have been reduced, cut, or furloughed. Provide for them and give them the strength to persevere. Give wisdom to leaders who are scrambling to make difficult decisions that they believe are for our good. Give citizens understanding and serenity to deal with this unprecedented circumstance. Use this time to turn us collectively back to you and to your Easter truths that give us victory over all things, including sickness. We leave it all in your almighty hands, just as you have taught us to do in your prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

## BLESSING

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

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

**CW #452**

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## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age  
3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the  
4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us  
e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,  
sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,  
from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his  
Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in  
Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -  
Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,  
tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,  
fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the  
And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the  
Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.  
on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;  
gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,  
thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,



Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
There, oh, share thy joy with me.  
There to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt.

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