

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

Worship Focus

**Risen to Relate: The Message and the Messengers.
Jesus Brings His Blessings through the Word.**

We Are
BLESSED

A large, ornate decorative flourish with symmetrical scrollwork and leaf-like patterns, positioned below the word "BLESSED".

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OPENING HYMN

225 – This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He
2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To
4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came With
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The



calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - joice; let
Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his
Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
mes - sag - es of grace, Who came in God the
Church on earth shall raise; The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne,
Fa - ther's name To save our sin - ful race.
which he reigns, Shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL, (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

INVOCATION

Minister

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation

A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the staff.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, And
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. *Refrain*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'This is the feast of vic-tory for our God,'. The second staff continues with 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!'. The third staff begins with a '2' and contains 'Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, And'. The fourth staff concludes with 'hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.' and is also labeled 'Refrain'. Dashed lines in the third and fourth staves indicate phrasing or breath marks.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C: And al-so with you.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major. The melody consists of a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. Below the staff, the text 'C: And al-so with you.' is written.

M Let us pray. 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: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major. The melody consists of a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. Below the staff, the text 'C: A - men.' is written.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:8-12

Peter announces to the Sanhedrin the message that Jesus' followers are to proclaim: Salvation is found only in Jesus.

ACTS 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ He is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the capstone.’

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

PSALM

Psalm 118

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Pastor will sing the first line of each verse. The congregation is invited to sing the second half of each verse, the refrains, and the Gloria.

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength | and my song;*
he has become my sal | vation.

The LORD'S right hand is | lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done | mighty things!

I will not | die but live,*
and will proclaim what the | LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you | answered me;*
you have become my sal | vation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the | capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

This is the day
that the LORD has made
Let us Rejoice
and be
glad in it!

SECOND LESSON 1 John 1:1-2:2

John speaks of the message with which Jesus has sent us: the Word of life.

¹ JOHN 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

^{2:1} My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Adult Choir

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Luke 24:36-49

The resurrected Christ commissions his followers with the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

LUKE 24:36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.



HYMN OF THE DAY

158 – I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



1 I am con-tent! My Je-sus lives a-gain, In whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my head; His mem-ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my light, My ra-diant
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev-er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the law of God for
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
 sun of grace. His cheer-ing rays beam bless-ings forth for
 from the dead That I may rise for-ev-er-more to



me; God's wrath he has ap-peased. Since he in
 died With cries of ag-o-ny. Now death is
 all: Sweet com-fort, hope, and peace. This Eas-ter
 be With you, my liv-ing head. The chains that



death could per-ish nev-er, I al-so shall not
 brought in-to sub-jec-tion For me, too, by his
 sun has brought sal-va-tion And ev-er-last-ing
 hold my bod-y, sev-er; Then shall my soul re-



die for-ev-er. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!
 res-ur-rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!
 ex-ul-ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!
 joyce for-ev-er. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!

Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

SERMON

Luke 24:47

The Father Has Forgiven Us

1. Easter seals it
2. Believers reveal it

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, with joy the Church continues to celebrate the resurrection victory of Your beloved Son. Look in Your mercy on all who have been baptized into His death and resurrection, and grant them grace each day to die to sin and rise to newness of life with Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fountain of mercy, You call Your people to love and serve those in need. Pour out Your blessing on all the mercy ministries of Christ's Church, that many may come to know and praise Your unspeakable kindness and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, to You we commend our public servants in this land. Bless and prosper them in their callings. Hinder everything in our common life that is contrary to Your will, and establish and strengthen every good endeavor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of kindness and compassion, Your Son throughout His ministry healed the sick and relieved the distressed. Remember in tenderness those who are in need of His healing and comfort today [*especially* _____]. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant them grace to entrust themselves entirely to Your loving care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Master, Your beloved Son summons us to His table to partake of His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, for a share in His own divine life, and for our everlasting salvation. Grant to us repentance and faith, that we may receive this Supper in a worthy manner and to our abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giver of the life that never ends, receive today our heartfelt thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in saving faith and who live in You forevermore. In Your boundless love, bring us with them to share in the joys of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

561 - Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan-d'ring
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our

ech - oes of your tone, As you have sought, so
and the wa - v'ring feet, Oh, feed us, Lord, that
truths which you im - part, And wing our words that
ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone,
we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet,
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart,
glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, abrv., alt.
Tune: CANONBURY (LM) Robert A. Schumann, 1810–56, adapt.

The following hymn may also be sung during distribution

558 – Christ High-Ascended



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed,
 2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing,
 3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion,
 4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing,
 5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing,



Throned and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed,
 Who on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing,
 Lives now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion;
 Christ with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing,
 Faith in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing;



Death's dread do - min - ion fi - nal - ly de -
 Sends forth his ser - vants, still in faith con -
 To win dis - ci - ples out of ev - 'ry
 Christ to all a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly
 Filled with his Spir - it, love and pow'r re -



feat - ed— We are his wit - ness - es.
 fess - ing— We are his wit - ness - es.
 na - tion, We are his wit - ness - es.
 reign - ing— We are his wit - ness - es.
 ceiv - ing, We are his wit - ness - es.

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.



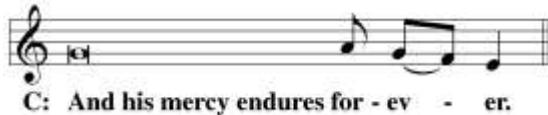
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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

281 - God Has Spoken by His Prophets



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
 3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the



chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing
 last - ing Son, Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
 hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing



God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and
 With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -
 His own mes-sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of



tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is
 car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from
 na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -



king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
 Light, to earth de - scend - ing— He re - veals our God to us.
 bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

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 Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813-79.

“**SALVATION**

is
found
in
no
one
else.”

ACTS 4:12, NIV