

THE RISEN WAY
Third Sunday of Easter
4-19-26

Worship Theme: THE RISEN WAY!

In the Book of Acts, the Risen Lord Jesus continues His work. In the acts of the earliest believers, they are acting a certain way that's different after the resurrection than it was before. The resurrection really does change things for us. It changes the way we live, it changes what we believe, it changes how we act. It's the Risen Way!

† GOD CALLS †

OPENING SONG

“The Church’s One Foundation” (v. 1 & 2)

**1-The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav’n he came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood he bought her
And for her life He died**

**2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev’ry grace endued.**

THE INVOCATION (8:30 AM & MON)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit!
ALL: Amen!

BAPTISM (11 AM)
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† GOD SPEAKS †

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “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. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-25

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For, “All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”^[b]

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

People: And yet, O God, we so quickly return to an empty way of life.

Pastor: We are driven by greed, lust and envy. We become enmeshed in lifestyles that bring us pain and others great sadness. We follow the crowd, thinking they know best. We lose perspective and live only for the moment. Father, our lifestyle is patterned more by this world than by your living Word.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Gospel: “Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake” (1 Peter 1:20). Through Holy Baptism “you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God” (1 Peter 1:23). Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ I announce to you the full and complete forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "There Is One Gospel"

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me

Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there, where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross

No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free

Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- The Apostles' Creed (8:30 AM & MON)

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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!

BRINGING OUR BLESSINGS
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:30 AM & MON)

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.

† GOD GIVES †

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION
"What Is This Bread"

1-What is this bread?

**Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release,
O taste and see - the Lord is peace.**

2-What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

3-So who am I,

That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see - The Lord is free.

4-Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole-
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

5- Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (v. 1-5)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;

He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

THE DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG "Mighty To Save"

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations

Chorus: Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures
Fill my life again I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in Now I surrender

Savior He can move the mountains
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† GOD BLESSES AND SENDS †

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now with the comfort and assurance that Jesus has risen from the grave.
He is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!