



easter season  
at redeemer

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## EASTER III – EUCHARIST

**PRELUDE** “*Joy In The World*” - Paul Taylor

**HYMN** We Live by Faith and Not by Sight (NCH 256)

1 We live by faith and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
From Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
who still we know is near.

2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
nor follow where Christ trod;  
but in confessing we rejoice:  
our Savior and our God!

3 Help then, O Christ, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

### GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Truly, Christ is Arisen. Alleluia!**

This the day that God has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. **Amen.**

### READINGS

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14A, 36-41**

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

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter 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. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*After each reading, the people respond, **Thanks be to God.***

**A reading from “Emma Dora Asher” by Joyce Hollyday**

Emma Dora Asher, an 85 -year-old widow, lived alone.  
 She tended a large garden with hoe and rake and shovel.  
 One day she lost her balance and fell. She called long and hard, but no heard.  
 After while she stopped struggling and said, “Lord, you know  
 I’m not one to wait ‘til tomorrow to be thankful. Right down here, right in this dirt,  
 I’m thankful. And if I die here, I’ll die thankful.  
 And if I’m not to die here, you’ll have to get me up,’ cause there ain’t nobody else to do it.”  
 She explained, “The Lord sent it to me to just hook my large hoe around the fencepost and  
 pull myself up by the handle.  
 I know since he told me to do it, it would work and it did.”

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**ALLELUIA**



**GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:13-35*

*Response before the Gospel*

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

*Response following the Gospel*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

That same day, two of the disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus—which was about seven miles from Jerusalem—discussing all that had happened as they went.  
 While they were discussing these things, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them, though they were kept from recognizing Jesus, who asked them, "What are you two discussing as you go your way?"  
 They stopped and looked sad. One of them, Cleopas by name, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened these past few days?"  
 Jesus said to them, "What things?"  
 They said, "About Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and all the people—how our chief priests and leaders delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he was the One who would set Israel free. Besides all this, today—the third day since these things happened—some women of our group have just brought us some astonishing news. They were at the tomb before dawn and didn't find the body; they returned and

informed us that they had seen a vision of angels, who declared that Jesus was alive. Some of our number went to the tomb and found it to be just as the women said, but they didn't find Jesus."

Then Jesus said to them, "What little sense you have! How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced! Didn't the Messiah have to undergo all this to enter into glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of scripture which referred to the Messiah. By now they were near the village they were going to, and Jesus appeared to be going further. But they said eagerly, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening—the day is practically over." So the savior went in and stayed with them.

After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight.

They said to one another, "Weren't our hearts burning inside us as this one talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with, "Christ has risen! It's true! Jesus has appeared to Simon!" Then the travelers recounted what had happened on the road, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

## SERMON

## CREED

We be - lieve in God all - lov - ing Au - thor of all  
things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,  
Keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in

God's son, Je - sus, now for us the gift of light, and the Spir - it

ev - er - pre - sent, bring - er of a - bun - dant life.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. God of mercy, God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ's rising, we see new life. Help us be that life in a world desperate for healing.

**God of mercy and peace, hear our prayer**

Through Christ's rising, we claim the power to bring justice to the world. Help us root ourselves in your right ways.

**God of mercy and peace, hear our prayer**

Through Christ's rising, we sense the heartbeat of your earth. Help us heal your wounded planet.

**God of mercy and peace, hear our prayer**

Through Christ's rising, we own the responsibility to earth's lost, lonely and in danger. Help us work to liberate all those suffering because of war and all who are held captive.

**God of mercy and peace, hear our prayer**

We pray for the longings and needs of this parish family.

(Prayers of intercession may be added, silently or aloud.)

Through Christ's rising, we are moved to compassion. Help us still to reach out with your love.

**God of mercy and peace, hear our prayer**

We thank you for the joys given us within this parish family:

(Prayers of thanksgiving may be added, silently or aloud.)

Through Christ's rising, we grow in our trust in you. Help us to realize your vision in this time.

**God of mercy and peace, hear our prayer**

Holy One, even before we call, you answer; while we are yet speaking, you hear. We offer these prayers in the name of the Risen Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ is always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Upon This Rock - Gloria Gaither*

Krista Donough – Soprano, Chris Henke - Piano

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, God of all creation;  
In your love you made us for yourself,  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**Christ opened his arms in love.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them saying:  
Take eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**God, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
He gave thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
do this in remembrance of me.

**God, we do this in remembrance of him:**

**This is the cup of blessing.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
May be to us the body and blood of Jesus.

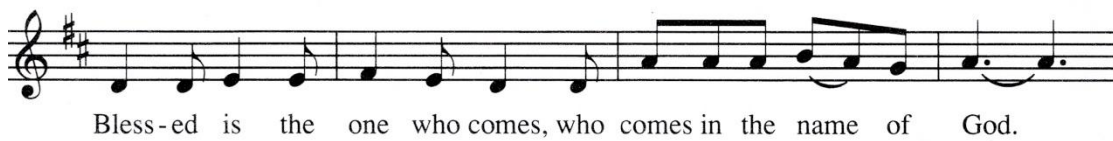
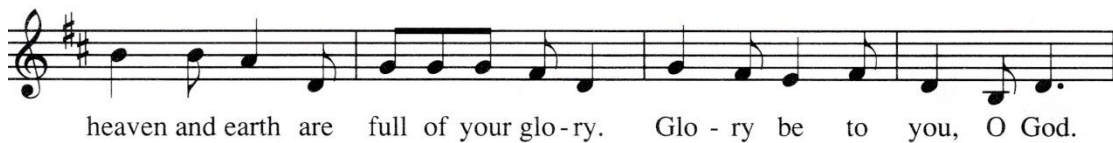
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts**

**Make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world

We offer you this sacrifice of praise

And lift our voice to join the eternal hymn of heaven:



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother, 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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ was always the guest.

At the tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest.

Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was  
Always the quest.

But here at this table, Christ is the host.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.

Jesus Christ who sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

**COMMUNION HYMN** We Come to This Table

KREMSER 12.11.12.12 ("WE GATHER TOGETHER")

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.  
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.  
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;  
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.  
We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"  
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.  
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger  
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.  
We rise from this table with new dedication  
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,  
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;  
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

Tune: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626 ("We Gather Together")  
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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray together

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus. Amen**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN** We Are His Witnesses

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

"We are Christ's witnesses," Peter proclaimed in his preaching.  
"We learned the message of Christ through his serving and teaching.  
Jesus is God! Christ went around doing good.  
In all Christ did, God was with Christ."  
"We are God's witnesses: Jesus was filled with God's Spirit.  
Christ gladly told of God's kingdom to all who would hear it.  
How could it be? They killed our God on a tree!  
One without sin chose to bear it."  
"We are his witnesses: Christ who was dead is now risen!  
God raised Christ up on the third day from death's dreary prison.

Now we proclaim: All can have life in God's name.  
We have been freed and forgiven."  
We in the church have a message beyond all comparing:  
Christ is alive and brings life to the lost and despairing.  
God takes our sins! Easter assures us God wins!  
Ours is the good news for sharing.

Tune: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")  
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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!

**Christ is truly Risen. Alleluia!!!**

Go in Peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia !!!**

**POSTLUDE** "Fanfare for Organ" - Robert Powell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**The Book Group meets online at 7pm:** April meeting - 4/27 **God of the Woods** - Liz Moore

May meeting - 6/1 **The Correspondent** - Virginia Evans

June meeting - 6/29 **Theo of Golden** - Allen Levi

July meeting - 7/27 **There are Rivers in the Sky** - Elif Shafak

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**Our 1st Garden work session will be Saturday, May 2nd 8-11AM.** We have a wonderful time growing veggies for the soup kitchen, or to donate to a food bank. Redeemerites of all ages are invited to be part of the Food Security Ministry in small or big ways, at different times. We do/will need:

- **Sticks and logs** less than 34 inches long
- People who live close to the church can easily **water** the garden once a week for a half an hour
- People who like to do the **hands on** of preparing, planting, harvesting, and a little weeding and tending
- **Compost Call:** bring to church: veggie/fruit scraps, coffee grounds, paper tea bags (minus string, tag, and staple,) flowers past their prime

See Peg on Sundays or email her [pegonplanetearth\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:pegonplanetearth(at)gmail.com)

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## From Rev. Willie J. Smith

Which one of these Resurrection events occurred on the same day?



A). Emmaus



B). The Women at the Tomb



C). Jesus meeting with Mary Magdalene



D). Jesus meeting with Thomas

If you answered A, B, and C you are correct, Jesus' encounter with Thomas occurred a week later.

The Gospel writers try to highlight that Easter is not a frozen moment in time but ongoing; Jesus is on to the next-whatever the next is.

How are you living the Resurrection right now? There are signs of life emerging. Easter is slowly phasing in with nature but what about us?

The war, the economy, the current Administration. How are we celebrating Easter right now? Jesus is meeting us right now.

I hope you catch a glimpse or have an exchange with Him, then you can tell us: "I have seen Jesus. *He is Risen!!!* Alleluia.



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