



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

☒ Bishop ☒ Assisting Minister ☒ Storyteller ☒ All

## GATHERING

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*Easter Acclamation*

☒ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

☒ **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

☒ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the  
Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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### Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

☑ And also with you.

**B** O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## HEARING THE WORD

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*Psalm*

*Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

**A** I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

**C** for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.

**A** The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**C** Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

**A** How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?

**C** I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.

**A** I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people.

**C** Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.

**A** O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from  
my bonds.

**C** I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**A** I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people,

**C** in the courts of the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 He has arisen this world to save.  
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
 Even the battle with sin is won."  
*Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
 Alleluia, to him praises be.  
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

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Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jason Chesnut

Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of the People*

- A** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A** For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
- A** For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
- A** For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit, especially those we lift up using the hashtag #demdprays. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**A** For the faith forming ministries of this church. For those preparing for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and membership, especially those who have had those celebrations delayed. For those who participate in Sunday school and adult education; guide and inspire learners of every age and ability. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**A** Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**A** With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**G** 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.**

*Thanksgiving for the Word*

**B** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**B** Praise and thanks are yours, holy God,  
for by your Word you made all things.  
You spoke dawn into our dusk.  
You created the earth and called it good - very good!  
You formed us in your own holy and divine image,  
breathing into us a sacred identity.  
And let your people say, Amen.

**C** **Amen!**

**B** You sent your Holy Spirit to us,  
inspiring us to be your people,  
calling us to love your world,  
reminding us that what we do has meaning,  
and who we are has purpose.  
And let your people say, Amen.

**C** **Amen!**

**B** Your Spirit enlivens our church;  
your Spirit fired up your first disciples;  
your Spirit sprung Peter from prison;  
your Spirit gave passion to the martyrs.  
And let your people say, Amen.

**C** **Amen!**

**B** Because of this incredible free gift in our lives,  
we are bold to speak your truth;  
we are empowered to show your love;  
we are given freedom to love as your beloved,  
to walk as your anointed,  
to live as your created.  
And let your people say, Amen.

**C** **Amen!**



# SENDING

## Blessing

☒ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

☑ Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

☒ Beloved: Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and abide in you, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

## Hymn

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Dismissal

☒ Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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