

WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Sunday of Easter

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That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carol Hanchett is asking prayers for a friend of the family, Mark Clayton. He has stomach cancer and has undergone chemotherapy and radiation which has resulted in more health issues.

Please continue in prayer for...

- Carol Ludwick, Cherry Travis, Janet Lynn, Fred Rainey, Al and Bonnie Mourer, Tom Morehead, Susan Craft, Dick and Linda Sage and Linda (Sandy Ide's sister in law).

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God. Give thanks to God's holy name.

Praise God for the gift of a new day.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

God sees and hears our weeping.

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Lord, we now you are working to make us whole.

*GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

“Awesome God”

Mullins

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from Heaven above
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“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Newton/Tomlin/Giglio

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine... You are forever mine

Opening Prayer
(Bill Trommater, Lay Leader)

“Sanctuary”
Thompson/Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord
Who came to save
The heart and soul
Of every man
It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength,
With thine own hand.

Lead Me on Lord
From temptation
Purify me
From within
Fill my heart with
Your holy spirit
Take away all my sin

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’

Here ends the reading.

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AGAIN

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

These are the words of eternal life.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"The Net Was Not Torn"

Go back to Maundy Thursday. Tough night for Peter--one to be the rock

Can't stay awake with Jesus.

Denies him 3 times

Peter falls away in guilt/shame.

The other men don't do much better.

Easter appearances:

Easter morning:

Mary sees the gardener.

He calls her by name...an important detail

Culturally...patriarchal culture...women are basically property.

Not all women in the Bible are named

Mary is honored by the gospel writers, first of all as a person with value, and secondly, as an important person in the movement.

Jesus comes back and approaches her and calls her by name.

Jesus is always the one who approaches/initiates relationship. Important!

He approached, he initiated relationship with each of us...that's why we are here

He knows her. He calls her by name. He honors her as a person of worth.

The encounter is loving. Intimate. Full of purpose and meaning.

Evening ..

He comes back...he approaches

Disciples huddled in fear behind locked doors on Easter evening.

Ever been really afraid for your life?

They had every reason to fear...

every reason to believe the Roman's would come for them next.

Jesus comes after them, Peace be with you.

Shows wounds...they rejoice

As the Father has sent me, I send you. He sends them into the world in mission.

Presence/command/trust

Jesus breathed on them and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit"

they are given authority: retain or forgive sins...a huge authorization

Not present...Thomas doubts when told of appearance.

I'll believe it when I see it. Not unlike us!

Week later...Thomas present...we all know the story

Peace...Touch my wounds and believe.

My Lord and my God.

It's a week later--still huddled in fear. That's real fear...

No movement yet. Received HS, but no movement. Odd!

Sometime later...

Jesus meets 7 of the disciples back by the sea shore in Galilee.

They have gone fishing...for fish.

Back to doing what they had always done...fish...no mission activity. Odd!

Afraid and disoriented! Immobilized.

Seems odd...no fish in the net.

Is that just bad fishing luck? Or is the gospel writer trying to tell us something?

Maybe that's a way of saying how disoriented and immobilized they are...

they can't even get the fishing right.

No fish...like no mission activity so far

The men are traumatized and immobilized.

Stranger appears on shore. Catch anything? No.

Cast on the other side--your luck will change.

They do as they are told...nets fill up.

John finally recognizes Jesus..."It's the Lord"

Peter jumps in ahead. They all follow back to shore...nets full...but not torn.

Important details...

- a. Jesus appears. Again, Jesus comes after them. Commands: Cast on the other side...they obey the stranger.
- b. Jesus comes after. Obey...then we recognize...then mission...Nets full, but not torn. I always have trouble with this sequence...I want to recognize then I'll obey. I'm not one to jump in and figure it out on the way...
I want to figure it out first, then move.

Net not torn...no fish are lost...Reminds me of Jesus high priestly prayer (Ch 17)...

All who were given me are here...none lost.

All who have been drawn in are here.. We are here...We are part of those drawn in obedience leads to great harvest...that's important

Answer the call...harvest will be there. Answer the call!

That's always a tough one...what is the call? How will I respond?

Will I run away like Jonah?...or will I say "here am I, send me?"

The church has always had a lot of Jonah's...we always need more Isaiah's

As we answer the call...we move closer to him..On the way...we understand more, transformed more.

Church needs a leader...back to Peter the Rock.

They finish breakfast...Jesus turns to Peter and calls him by name.

Simon, Son of John...do you love me? Yes Lord. Feed my lambs.

Simon, Son of John...do you love me? Yes Lord. Tend my sheep.

Simon, Son of John...do you love me? Yes, you know I do Lord.

Feed my sheep...Follow me.

Appearance...command--Go out in mission...trust in his presence with you along the way. Jump in.

With "follow me" Jesus takes us back to the beginning.

Back to the call of each disciple.

Back to our own call...Command and follow me on the way...follow me in mission to the community.

Reminds me of other calls in the Bible

God called Abraham...Appearance and Command: Go and I will make of you a great nation...go to the place I will show you....

I will walk with you and when we get there I'll tell you...Trust in his presence.

God called Moses and said Go. I will give you a mission...Go tell Pharaoh to let my people go.

Jesus told the disciples Go to the corners of the earth and make disciples.

God calls us...and says go in the mission I give you., and I'll be with you along the way.

Back up to that odd detail...Jesus breathed on them, they received the HS...but no movement.

They scattered...they went back to fishing...what are they waiting for?

Why not preaching/healing by now?

John seems to be telling us they still need something ..they need a direct word of forgiveness...they need to be forgiven and restored before they can "go"

Peter fell away...denied Jesus 3 times. Now, Jesus forgives 3 times.
What do we need...to move boldly into mission?
Jesus never gave up on Peter. Peter said 'no' three times.
How many times do we say no?
Jesus never gives up on you/me...still calling each of us to mission. How will we respond?

You and I need fresh word of grace/forgiveness/blessing to restore us to our place as children of God.

With our failures forgiven we are sent back to work...Go, feed my sheep.

As he comes back for us...As encounter the Risen Christ, we learn ...

We are loved by God
Get same blessing Jesus did...you are my beloved child
Receive forgiveness...enables enter more deeply into relationships and able to forgive others
Receive sense of belonging/community
Today...we gather around table and know we have come back home.
Like Prodigal Son...get robe/ring/embrace of loving Father
Like Peter...new sense of purpose/vocation...become witnesses and fishers of men
Like woman at well..get living water that sustains
Like Bartimaeus..get new sight
Like woman touched Jesus' robe...get healing
Like disciples on beach...enjoy breakfast with Risen One

Outside the tomb Jesus says to Mary "do not be afraid"...I'll meet you all in Galilee.

Jesus says "do not be afraid"
Our fears do not have to keep us divided...not have to keep us hiding behind closed doors.
In resurrection...power of death is broken.
In resurrection...powers that bind us to the past are broken.
In resurrection...power of sin and errors of yesterday are overcome.
In resurrection...our relationships are restored.
In resurrection...we see each other with new eyes, we relate with new hearts.
***process...Jesus came to us...fed us...forgave us...now we can move out in ministry in the power of the resurrection.

Live in the power of the resurrection...Live restored. Go. Feed my sheep.

Dios te bendiga!

Vayan en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo

Go...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Amen

Children's Message:

He is risen. He is risen indeed!

Jesus meets the disciples while they were out fishing.

He fixes breakfast for them.

Then he talks to Peter...do you love me? Feed my sheep
What that mean?

We are to care for each other, love each other, even forgive each other.

Prayer: Loving Jesus, we thank you for all the people who care for us in our lives. We thank you for the food that you give to us and for the love that you show us. Teach us to love others as you love us. Amen

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #529**

“Oh How I Love Jesus”

Hymn: Frederick Whitfield (1855)

Tune: OH HOW I LOVE JESUS Anonymous

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest Name on earth.

It tells me what my Father hath
In store for ev'ry day,
And, tho' I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.

O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus -
Because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below.

It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with others. Therefore, let us confess our sins:

Silent Confession.

Merciful God.... **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly turn once more to you. For the sake of your Love, have mercy upon us and deliver us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

May God have mercy upon us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast: You call a people to be your light to the nations, delivered them from captivity, made covenant to govern and

comfort them, and spoke to all the world through your prophets. Therefore, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your Name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Please be seated.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captive and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. And by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Putting our whole trust in his grace, we offer our prayers to you, remembering especially:

the people of the Ukraine,
the poor and oppressed of our own nation,
those who have died and them that mourn,
those who have lost or never had a community,
those whose lives are ruled by addiction;
those who know not the Lord Jesus,
or who by their sins have grieved his heart;
those whose faith is known to you alone;
those who are sick or suffering in any way,
and those we name to you now:

The congregation offers their own petitions.

These and all our prayers we ask in Jesus' name, who lived our life, who knew our hope and grief, and who, on the night in which he gave himself for us, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, that we might be for the world the Body of Christ redeemed

by his Blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are given and received.

Prayer for those worshipping at home

Lord Christ, I receive your love and liberation.

Comfort me in my distress;

free me from despair and renew my hope.

*In the strength of your mercy I will receive and face each day
as it comes. Amen.*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“I Am”

Crowder/Cash

There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place that we can't find peace
There's no end to Amazing Grace

In the middle of the storm
I am holding on
I am!

Take me in with your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child
Never let go, never leave my side

Love like this, oh my God to find!
I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!
Love like this sets our hearts on fire!

I am
Holding on to You
I am
Holding on to You

This is my resurrection song
This is my Hallelujah come
This is why to You I run

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine upon you.
May the Lord be present and give you peace.
Amen.