

**Order of Worship
for
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023**

**OPENING SONG
“Good, Good, Father!”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!*

**KYRIE SONG
“You are the One”**

PRAYER

*O God, Your Son makes Himself known 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. Amen.*

**HYMN
“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
ELW 367**

READING

Acts 2:37-42

The lesson for today is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter two, verses thirty-seven through forty-two.

Luke writes:

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?" ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel reading is from Luke, chapter twenty-four, verses thirteen through thirty-five.

Luke writes:

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. ²¹ But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this

morning,²³ and when they did not find His body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Him.”²⁵ Then He said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on.²⁹ But they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them.³⁰ When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, and He vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Recognizing Love”

Rev. David Hewitt

MESSAGE

“Believing Is...”

Rev. David Hewitt

SONG

“Open Our Eyes”

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.

As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

OFFERING

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HYMN

"We Are an Offering"

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**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him
for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal
prayers to God.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may do so.***

***For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,***

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!

HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

ELW 377

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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