

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name...

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

{for silent prayer before starting the worship playlist or conference call}

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.¹ AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 116:1-11, *NRSV*; choose a leader)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

One: The Lord is our strength and our might

All: he has become our salvation.

One: We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord."

All: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" #341

CALL TO CONFESSION (*LED BY ONE*)

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles commands us to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. In so doing, our sins may be forgiven, and we may receive the Holy Spirit. Let us now confess our sins and repent or turn away from the wrongs we commit or the good we fail to commit. Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*ABOUT 30 SECONDS*)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*IN UNISON*)

Merciful God, we too often are informed by the world's ways. We forget our Lord and the sacrifice he made on our behalf. Forgive our turning away from you and our turning to the world and its ways. Remind us of Jesus' resurrection that we might trust, have faith, and have hope in you, O God. Purify our souls and make us obedient to your truth. In the name of the one you raised and crowned with glory, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*led by one*)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.² Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. AMEN.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (You may say: "The peace of Christ be with you." and respond: "And also with you.")

...to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41 <https://bit.ly/3awCCCC>
{Pick someone in your household to read this scripture passage.}

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:17-23 <https://bit.ly/2VtmpcT>
{Pick another person, if possible, to read this passage.}

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 <https://bit.ly/2VvHWBZ>

SERMON Rev. Andy Smothers

HYMN "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

{You may find it easiest to use this as a time of contemplation, but do feel free to sing. After the first verse, the pianist becomes a bit more artistic.}

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

{I invite you to pray as a household offering your various praises, thanksgivings, and requests to God aloud. Close with the Lord's Prayer.} 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

...to Give Thanks to God...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

Gracious God, thank you that our Lord Jesus, both of God and of human, was willing to live with people such as us. Thank you that he journeyed on earth to show us the way, the truth, and the life. More yet, thank you that he journeyed to the cross enduring abuse, torture, and death that we might be forgiven and have eternal life. May his resurrection continue to testify to us, build our faith, and grow our hope. May we likewise extend that hope to the world around us in his name. Use gifts given to the church to extend that hope and to testify to our Lord Jesus, the Messiah. It is in his name that we pray. AMEN.

...and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN "The Risen Christ"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

One: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.
All: **We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**
One: Let us bless our Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
One: May the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
All: **Alleluia! Amen.**³

RESPONSE "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

¹ *Book of Common Worship*, 327.

² *Worship Sourcebook*, 644 {1 Corinthians 15:20-22, *NRSV*}.

³ *Worship Sourcebook*, 660 {based on Hebrews 13:20-21}.

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