

ST. STEPHEN'S

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020

Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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The Word of God

One Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Pascha nostrum



Christ our Passover has been sacri-ficed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has do-min-ion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Said Together*

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Gospel

Standing

Luke 24:13-35

One

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has

appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Response

The Rev. Drew Downs

Prayers of the People

One In the flesh of the risen Christ, the invisible God walks with us. Let us pray to God for our needs and the needs of all peoples.

One For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For this holy assembly and for all who gather for the spiritual breaking bread.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For Jennifer our bishop and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, the Most Revd Michael Lewis, Archbishop. We pray for Christ Church, Madison, The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler; Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan. Our parish neighbors—Centenary United Methodist Church, Central Presbyterian Church, United Campus Ministries, Second Christian Church.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For all those in danger and need, the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed, and for all the dead. We pray especially for those suffering directly from the COVID-19 pandemic and all those emotionally and physically displaced by it. We pray also for those who have asked our prayers—Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus, Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Lane Clark, Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Mike Hayden.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We remember especially those celebrating birthdays, including Rachel Carl and Sharon Woelfle. Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries, including Geoffrey Wayton and confirmation anniversaries, including Jane Mangrum. And we pray for our postulant, Joanna Benskin.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stephen and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All **To you, O Lord.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who opens our minds and hearts through the risen Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn

Hymn 343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.
4. Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

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Spiritual Communion

One Let us pray as one:

All **In union, O Lord, with the faithful across the Church who cannot gather around the altar at this time, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I implore you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate us. May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

One As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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 for ever. Amen.**

Post-communion Prayer *Said by all*

One Lord of the Feast,
All **we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many
times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present
Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the
breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church
until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

One Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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