

A SERVICE FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP

April 26, 2020

The Third Sunday of Easter

HYMN OF INVOCATION

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Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 530-609

Traditional French melody



1. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
 2. Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 3. Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,
 4. Loose the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



hell to - day is van - quished, heav'n is won to - day.
 thou, from heav'n be - hold - ing man's a - bas - ing fall,
 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;
 thine that now are fall - en raise to life a - gain;



Lo! the Dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,
 show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;



Him, their true cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
 man - hood to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 'tis thine own third morn - ing; rise, O bur - ied Lord.
 bring a - gain our day - light: day re - turns with thee.

Leader: Now is Christ risen from the dead,

People: And become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Leader: For since by man came death,

People: By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, saying:

Most 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 repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**
 Leader: O Lord, open our lips,
 People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

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Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,
 we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
 for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

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1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 2. Praise we him, whose love di - vine
 3. Where the pas - chal blood was poured,
 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
 5. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,
 praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 death's dread an - gel sheathes the sword;
 pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie;
 who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his
 gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim,
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na
 you have con - quered in the fight, you have brought us
 pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
 life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6. Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!
- 7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!
- 8. Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

The Service of the Word

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 116:1-14

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,

People: because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

The LORD watches over the innocent;

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,

for the LORD has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD

in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low."

In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OUR RESPONSE

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1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please spend time yourself or encourage others in your household to offer extemporaneous prayers for:

- The suffering and the sick (James 5:13-16)
- Your fellow believers (2 Thessalonians 1:11)
- The spread of the gospel (Colossians 4:3)

After a time of open prayer, conclude by praying together 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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION

Luke 24:13-35

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

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

CLOSING PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN

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Christian F. Gellert, 1757

Johann Crüger, 1653



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. *Je - sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king - dom still re - main - ing.*
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
4. *Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,*
5. Je - sus lives and now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.
this shall calm my tremb - ling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has pro - mised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence.

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