

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon



Hymn #479 "Christ is Risen, Christ is Living" tune of: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Christ is risen, Christ is living,
Dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold Him,
Nor the tomb in which He lay.
Do not look among the dead for
One who lives forevermore;
Tell the world that Christ is risen,
Make it known He goes before.

If the Lord had never risen,
We'd have nothing to believe.
But His promise can be trusted:
"You will live, because I live."
As we share the death of Adam,
So in Christ we live again;
Death has lost its sting and terror,
Christ the Lord has come to reign.

Death has lost its old dominion,
Let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living,
Gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God, who causes
Hope to spring up from the ground;
Christ is risen, Christ is giving
Life eternal, life profound.

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The Easter Dialog

adapted from Revelation 1 & 7

P: Grace and peace to you from the One Who is, and
the One Who was, and the One Who will be
From the sevenfold Spirit before His throne;
And from Jesus Christ – He is the Faithful Witness,
the First of the dead to live again and the Ruler over the kings of the earth.

C: To Him Who loves us
and by His blood has freed us from our sins,
and has made us a kingdom,
priests to God and His Father
— to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The uncountable multitude of nations standing before the throne of the Lamb cry out with a loud voice:

C: "Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

P: And all the angels standing around the throne worship Him saying:

C: "Amen!

Praise

and glory

and wisdom

and thanks

and honor

and power

and strength

be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Pre-K Time!

The Children Sing . . .

Here's the Cross

Jesus is Alive!

Alleluia, He's Alive!

Love in a Box

Chapel Time

One More Song . . . for EVERYONE!

The Hippo Song

Scripture Lessons

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-Fourth chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn #605 "Father Welcomes"

REFRAIN

*Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.*

Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. **REFRAIN**

In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. **REFRAIN**

Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. **REFRAIN**

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

P: "...don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5) Since God has made us His children through our baptism into Christ, with trust and hope, let us confess our faith:

**C: 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen**

Offering

The Litany of the Resurrection

P: O Lord,	C: have mercy.
P: O Christ,	C: have mercy.
P: O Lord,	C: have mercy.
P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,	C: hear us.

**P: Paschal Lamb, Who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world;
Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification;
Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise
again,"**

C: have mercy on us.

**P: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light;
Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women;
Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them
in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,**

C: have mercy on us.

**P: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe;
Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish;
Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles,
and to Paul on the Damascus road;
Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,**

C: have mercy on us.

P: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,	C: good Lord, deliver us.
P: By Your victory over sin and death,	C: good Lord, deliver us.
P: By the majesty of Your risen body,	C: good Lord, deliver us.
P: We poor sinners implore You	C: to hear us, Lord Jesus.

P: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness;
That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving as we have been
served by You;
That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem,
together with all the saints,
C: grant us, good Lord.

The petitions of the Church are now offered . . .

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,
C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,	C: have mercy.
P: O Christ,	C: have mercy.
P: O Lord,	C: have mercy. Amen

The Benediction

P: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,
and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and
ever.
C: Amen.

Hymn #475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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