



Third Sunday of Easter

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Resurrection Affirmation

As We Gather

“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can “see what kind of love the Father has given to us” (1 John 3:1).

Opening Hymn 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

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| 1 | Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 | Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 | 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! | 4 | 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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Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 16:11b; 30:1–3

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

- P In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
C **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

- P I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up
C **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

- P O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.
C **O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Confession and Absolution

1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4–5; 16:11b

- P “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

- C **Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**
- P We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown.

Silence for reflection.

- P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
 C **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,
 C **and give thanks to His holy name.**
- P For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
 C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
 C **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**
- P "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Introit

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

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 C **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**
- P I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
 C **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**
- P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
 C **and you have healed me.**
- P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
 C **you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
- P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
 C **and give thanks to his holy name.**
- P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
 C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**
 C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P In your presence there is fullness of joy;
 C **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
 C **Amen.**

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P 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.
 C **Amen.**

First Reading*Acts 3:11–21*

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson*1 John 3:1–7*

¹See 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.**

Verse

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

C **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”
³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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 of the Day 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

- 1 With high delight
Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart,
All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free
Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends
To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first
From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
“And yours shall be
Like victory
O'er death and grave,”
Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

- 3 Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery
And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

Sermon “Witnesses to Resurrected Life”

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 1

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

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Prayer 2

- P Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 2

- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

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Prayer 3

- P Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials, *including* Hedy Beer, Kathleen, Alicia, Sallyann, Sheila, Kathie Kirschenmann, Lou, Jean Staffa, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Rory, Jean, Annette Kirschenmann, Ray Wirsing, Rod Isaacson, Sharlene, Fran, Doug, Wally Olson, Janna, Ralph and Carol and Pastor Barber and his family. Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 3

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

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Prayer 4

- P Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all. Be with those who serve and defend from harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order. Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation.

Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 4

- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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Conclusion

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C **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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing!
- 1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king. Refrain
- 2 With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days. Refrain
- 3 With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain
- 4 Yet on and onward still,
With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle
The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain
- 5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- 6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- △ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain

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Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Dismissal

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship:

If you are planning to attend in person worship, please register each week using the link below.

<https://rsvp.church/r/PsLbwYgP> Please dispose of your worship bulletin (and Communion supplies) or take them with you. We are not recycling them. We are resuming the use of the mailboxes upstairs, so please check yours today.

Altar Flowers:

We have resumed our Altar Flower program. Anyone interested in ordering flowers for the Church Altar, please contact Laurie in the Church Office at 847/537-4430 or

office@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

* If you have a prayer you would like included in the Sunday morning "Prayer of the Church" please give it to Laurie when you check in upstairs.

Online Giving:

We are now set up for Online Giving on our website as well as in Breeze. If you haven't set up your personal Breeze account, please do so using the email invite that was sent out to you. Setting up your account allows you to update your personal contact information and allows access to online giving.

If you need another invitation or need help setting it up, please contact Jim Burmeister at elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or (847) 934-5963.

Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:

Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

Pastor-Led Bible Studies:

ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church. This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 7 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions), starting April 21, 2021.

Voter's Meeting:

Please plan to attend the next Voter's Meeting on Sunday April 25th at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Registration is required.

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List:

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (Cannellini, Northern, White, etc. green not needed) Canned Meat Products (Hash, Beef Stew, Ham, Ravioli, Spam etc.), Mayonnaise, Potato Products (Au Gratin, Instant Mashed, Scalloped, etc.) Vegetable Soup (no Broth please). Items can be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

Have you directed your Choice Dollars? Please remember to check your Thrivent account at least on an annual basis and indicate where you would like to have them directed. Both Our Redeemer and Sonshine are included in the recognized recipients and would appreciate being designated. Thrivent provides this free of charge to members, so remember to take advantage of their generosity!

Thank you for the Flowers:

The flowers last week were placed to the Glory of God by Gayla Isaacson for Blessings Received!

Summer Suppers:

If you did not receive the special Summer Suppers information sheet last week, please see Traudy today.



April Happenings

April 18 9:00 am – Third Sunday of Easter (Communion)

April 21 7:00 pm – Bible Study via <https://Koinonia.Clickmeeting.com>

April 25 9:00 pm – Fourth Sunday of Easter + 10:15 am - Voters Meeting after worship

April 28 7:00 pm – Bible Study via <https://Koinonia.Clickmeeting.com>