

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MORNING WORSHIP  
APRIL 19, 2026**

**Prelude**

**Opening Sentence**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Hymn 192** *This Joyful Eastertide* *The Hymnal 1982*

**Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum* *1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed 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 dominion 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.**



**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**    *said together in unison*

*St. Helena's Breviary*

**I love you, O God,  
because you have heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because you have inclined your ear to me  
whenever I called upon you.**

**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 your holy Name: \*  
“O God, I pray you, save my life.”**

**How shall I repay God \*  
for all the good things done for me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of God.**

**I will fulfill my vows to God \*  
in the presence of all people.**

**Precious in your sight, O God, \*  
is the death of your servants.**

**O God, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon your holy Name.**

**I will fulfill my vows to you \*  
in the presence of all your people,**

**In the courts of God's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The First Reading**    *Acts 2:14a,36-41*

*Common English Bible (CEB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words!



A reading from First Peter.

Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly. Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows.*

**Canticle 21**    *We Praise You, O God*

*Te Deum laudamus*

**We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

**The Gospel***Luke 24:13-35*

CEB

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?” They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows.*

**Homily/Reflection**

*A period of silence follows*

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## The Prayers *The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

- R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

**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.**

### **A Collect For the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider*      The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn 306**      *Come Risen Lord and Deign to be our Guest*      *The Hymnal 1982*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Let us pray together

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Hymn 193**     *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

*The Hymnal 1982*

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

***The worship is over ~ ~ ~ Now the service begins!***  
*Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the Gathering Room*

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