

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church

THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Topic: Third Sunday of Easter

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Rev. Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Deacon Mark Winzler leads

A LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is gracious:

All and God's mercy endures for ever.

God has loved us from all eternity:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And remembered us when we were in trouble:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

God became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and was made human:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

By Christ's cross and passion Christ has
redeemed the world:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And has washed us from our sins in Christ's
own blood:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

On the third day Christ rose again:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And has given us the victory:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christ ascended into heaven:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.**

Amen.

Deacon Fedorchak leads

For the gift of the Spirit:

All blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:

All blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:

All blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:

All blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:

All blessed be Christ.

For the lives of the saints:

All blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:

All blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:

All blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the
ages:

All blessed be Christ.

Pr. Barclay leads.

THE CANTICLE

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

All: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for
us; *therefore let us keep the feast, Not with 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

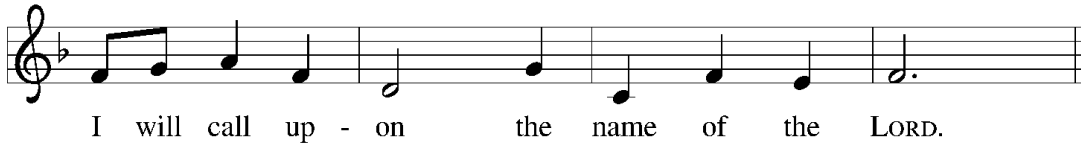
to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

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 in Christ shall all be
made alive. Alleluia.

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 116 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*



¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the
anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name | of
the Lord:**

“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.” R

¹²How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for
me?

¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

in the presence of | all God’s people.

¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶O Lord, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me | from my
bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of
thanksgiving**

**and call upon the name | of
the Lord. R**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God’s people,

¹⁹**in the courts of | the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**

Reader from St. Mary’s

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reader from St. Mary's

CANTICLE

The Song of Miriam and Moses

(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * The Lord is his Name. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; * the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; * your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? * who is like you,

glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; * with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, * the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

THE CANTICLE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Douglas D. Barclay-

What word or phrase spoke to your heart? - Like the disciples in the upper room in fear and isolation, during COVID-19 has Jesus come to you?

THE HYMN Day of Arising

- 1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
- 2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

- 3 Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
- 4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

Rev. Johnson leads

THE PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All say 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 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Deacon Winzler leads

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this
time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights

many will be restored to health:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we
pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Pastor Barclay **COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reverend Johnson **A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Barclay **A COLLECT FOR THIS TIME**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Johnson **A COLLECT 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.

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.

After each petition we pray,

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Reverend Johnson leads

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(Leader and People)*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus

Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

Pastor Barclay and Reverend Johnson bless the people alternating

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of
everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave
has won a glorious victory, give you joy as
you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples
with the life of the risen Lord, empower you
and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

THE HYMN

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow

3 blessings on his church below.
Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living
head, where he is, you shall be
too; with the Lord, at God's right
hand, as a victor you shall stand.

4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the
earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,

cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose
sway sin and death and hell
obey.

5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above and on
earth his peace and love!

Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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DAILY READINGS FOR APRIL 20-25, 2020

Monday

Psalm 134

Genesis 18:1-14

1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday

Psalm 134

Proverbs 8:32—9:6

1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday

Psalm 134

Exodus 24:1-11

John 21:1-14

Thursday

Psalm 23

Exodus 2:15b-25

1 Peter 2:9-12

Friday

Psalm 23

Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20

1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday

Psalm 23

Ezekiel 34:1-16

Luke 15:1-7