

Third Sunday of Easter



10:00 am

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Zion Lutheran Church

Camas, Washington

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Prelude

Patrick Murphy

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Richard Tolbert

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of

the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O risen Christ,

C: ***On the road to Emmaus you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

WORD

Bible Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

L: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: ***for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.***

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

C: ***Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."***

L: How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

C: ***I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.***

L: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

C: ***Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.***

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

C: ***I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.***

L: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

C: ***in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!***

Bible Reading

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. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through 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. ²²Now 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. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

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

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day *"Now the Green Blade Rises"* Number 379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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 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.

A Time for Peace

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

C: ***And also with you.***

**please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer*

Prayers for a Pandemic

- P: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge our dependence upon you. This virus has reminded us of our frailty. We long for the day you resurrect our bodies and restore the world. Lord, you are the Great Physician. We pray for healing for those who are sick, and those most vulnerable to this disease. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: ***hear our prayer.***
- P: As we experience this new normal in our lives, we pray earnestly for the heroic medical doctors, nurses, lab techs, and health care professionals who are putting their lives on the line for their neighbors. May you give them strength and physical safety during this time, so they can help push back against this virus. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: ***hear our prayer.***
- P: We pray for the scientists, disease experts, and epidemiologists who are working diligently on vaccines and testing mechanisms. Lord, we thank you for gifting them with knowledge and wisdom and healing hearts. We pray for their endurance, for breakthroughs, and for resources. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: ***hear our prayer.***
- P: God of Wisdom, move in the hearts of our public officials for our local, state, and federal governments. Help our elected officials discern the right course through unknown territory. Bring collaboration and unity as they make important decisions and allocate help and resources to combat this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: Providing God, we lift up the homeless, who are unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured. For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and lead others to help and support them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally and all in need, especially all those we remember now out loud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord smile upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord show favor to you and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Number 392

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest. Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Dismissal

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude/Silent Meditation

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