

Third Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn – Servant Song

Alleluia. Christ is risen
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Gloria in Excelsis (sung together)

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**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

² *Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

*I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;*

¹¹ I said in my consternation,
“Everyone is a liar.”

¹² *What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?*

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴ *I will pay my vows to the Lord*

in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ *O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.*

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

The Gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?” ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was

at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ 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 Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

From *The St. Helena Breviary*

Women’s voices The light of radiant dawn streams out while praise fills heaven all about, and earth echoes the exultant shout.

Men’s voices The risen Christ in glory bright has banished death’s eternal night, bringing forth the sleeping saints to light.

Women’s voices We praise you, Christ, with glory crowned, let this our paschal joy resound; through you have life and freedom been found.

Men's voices To you, O risen Christ, once more, our joyous Alleluias soar,
whom with the Spirit we adore and the Creator evermore.

Closing Prayer—From the Search Committee

*In support and prayer for the Holy Cross Rector's Search Team, Let us pray for guidance
by saying together:*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the
godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst
have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, that in thy
light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

(BCP, p. 832)

Closing Hymn – In Christ Alone

Easter Blessing & Dismissal