



SOTC Virtual Worship  
April 26, 2020  
Third Sunday of Easter

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## GATHERING

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WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

*Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us as we begin worship.*

Where shattered hearts are made whole,  
where wounded souls are healed,  
where life is stronger than death:  
**there, the stone has been rolled away.**

Where the lonely become our friends,  
where a stranger is welcomed home,  
where hope is stronger than despair,  
**there, Jesus walks with us.**

Where the anxious find serenity,  
where love is stronger than hate,  
where hungry souls find bread  
**there, Christ's light is burning bright.**

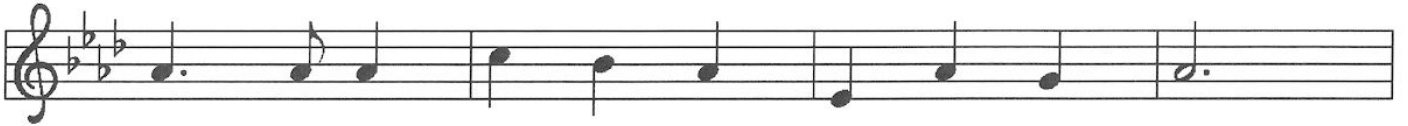
As it was years ago, so it is today in our midst:  
the stone has been rolled away;  
Jesus does walk with us;  
and Christ's light is burning bright.

Christ is risen and WE SHALL arise.  
**Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG — *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord Jesus, as you accompanied your disciples on the road, companion us on our journeys of faith. Strip the shutters from our spiritual sight, that we might discern your presence among us in the common gifts of life; and lead us onward as we make known to all people the transforming news of your love. We pray this in the name of the one who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.**

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## WORD

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## PSALM: PSALM 116: 1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord because he hears my voice  
and my prayer for mercy.

<sup>2</sup>**Because he bends down to listen,  
I will pray as long as I have breath!**

<sup>3</sup>Death wrapped its ropes around me;  
the terrors of the grave overtook me.  
I saw only trouble and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“Please, O Lord, save me!”**

<sup>12</sup>What can I offer the Lord  
for all he has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and praise the Lord’s name for saving me.**

<sup>14</sup>**I will keep my promises to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>15</sup>The Lord cares deeply  
when his loved ones die.

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant;  
yes, I am your servant, born into your household;  
you have freed me from my chains.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people—**

<sup>19</sup>**in the house of the Lord  
in the heart of Jerusalem.**

**Praise the Lord!**

## READING: LUKE 24:13-35

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

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>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?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## REFLECTION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to “Lord in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.” If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com)*

## MEAL

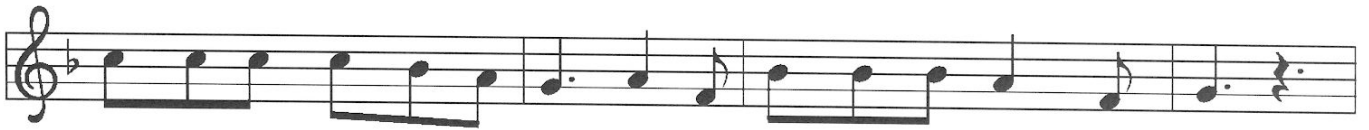
SONG: *Come to the Table*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### 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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*You are encouraged to share bread/crackers and wine/grape juice with those in your household, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are by yourself, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as words spoken for you. All are welcome to share in God's feast that makes us one.*

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

May the blessing of the one who brought forth Jesus from the dead,  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen!**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you!**

*All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation!*

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