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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

Who will you be?

I don't know yet, but God knows.

When will you know?

In God's time.

How do you know?

When God is fully revealed, all that I am will be complete.

Together, let us worship God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: *The Day of Resurrection!* #233

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 3:12-19

Luke 24:36-49

SERMON *“Is This the End—or a New Beginning?”*

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus’ love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN: *Go to the World!* **#295**

CHARGE

The word of God assures us: What we will be has not yet been revealed. Live, therefore, with hope, share your joy, withhold your anger, shed your disappointments, turn to all people with gentleness.

BENEDICTION

(Words to the hymns on last page)

Hymns

“The Day of Resurrection!”

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright;
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

“Go to the World!”

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth;
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Go to the world! Go into every place;
Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace;
Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyful day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.
4. Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the host of glory cry, “Amen.” Alleluia. Alleluia.