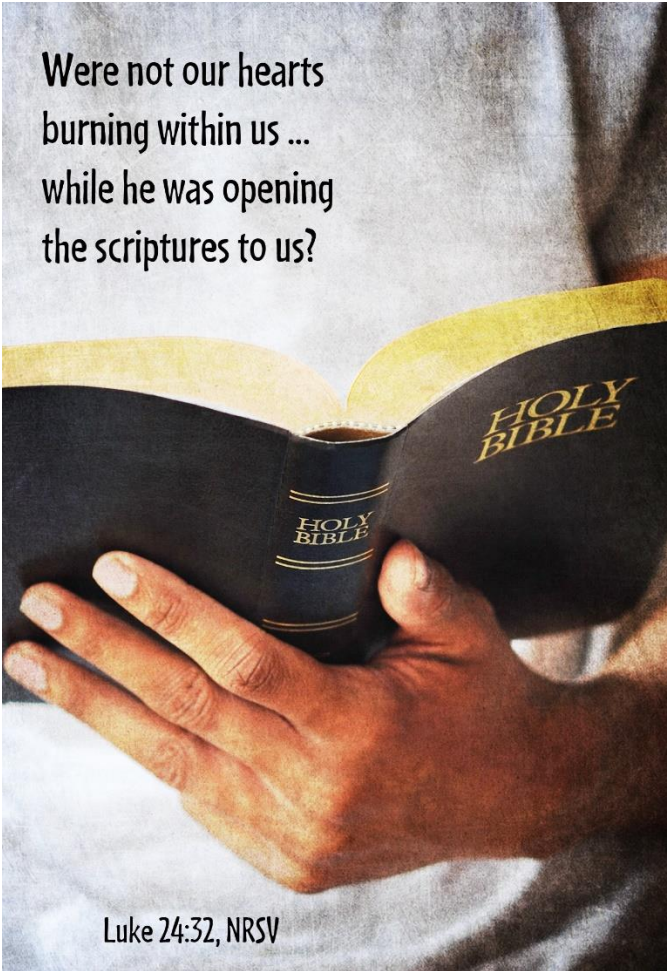


Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
10:30 AM

Were not our hearts
burning within us ...
while he was opening
the scriptures to us?



Luke 24:32, NRSV



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In this story from Luke's gospel, the risen Christ joins two disciples overcome by the apparent loss of one who was "a prophet mighty in deed and word" (Luke 24:19). Here Luke presents us with two things: our yearning to see the risen Christ and the Lord's response to that yearning. In word (interpreting the scriptures) and sacrament (breaking the bread) he reveals himself to them and to us. In these two central actions--readings with preaching and thanksgiving with communion--our eyes are opened to see the risen Lord in our midst. Here is the center of our weekly gathering on the Lord's Day.

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

L Most merciful God,

C Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C Thanks be to God!

Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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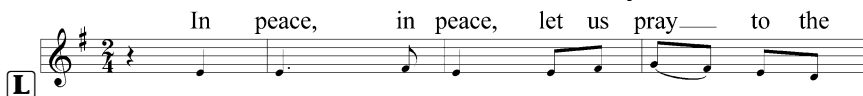
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Ps. 118:24; Matt. 28:8; Is. 25:7–9; Rom. 6:9

KYRIE

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



C Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through-

Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the

Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to

Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray — to the

Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy.

fend us, O God.

A

(accompaniment/intro)

men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre -
a - tion sings for joy to the God of

life and love and free-dom; praise and
glo-ry for ev - er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, _____ whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
to Refrain
peo - ple of God. _____

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____
to Refrain
_____ for - ev - er. _____

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, _____



SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

L O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

Children are invited to meet by the Cross for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

R Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the people: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23

The First Letter of Peter uses the image of "exile" to describe the experience of new Christians who are no longer at home in the non-Christian world. Their faith in the risen Christ distinguishes them from their ancestors and neighbors and calls them to place their faith and hope in God.

R 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - |

C Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-
 ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! *(Repeat, starting after intro.)*

GOSPEL

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24, beginning at verse 13.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

L Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two of them 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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing

bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor

Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion

we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!

We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
Make each day a new Em - ma - us;

Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
Till our hearts with - in us burned.
On our hearts Your im - age trace!

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4 Who are we who travel with You
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!

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5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!

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Luke 24:13-35

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Stand

L Let us pray. Giver of life,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

L Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

☩ 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

CONCLUDING COLLECT

L Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your word in pure hearts that thereby we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.

☩ Amen.

BENEDICTION

L The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

☩ Amen.

L Go in peace; serve the Lord. **☩** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Hearts to Heaven"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:

2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:

△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;

See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;

Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—

Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,

Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

POSTLUDE