



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020

HE IS RISEN

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,
we confess 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 loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 62

Verse 1

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus

O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

Verse 2

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

Verse 3

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too deep to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

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1 PETER 1:13-25

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since

you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

David Stewart

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our 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 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.

THE COLLECT

Officiant: Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

STEADFAST

Verse 1

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus

You are steadfast steadfast

Verse 2

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

Verse 3

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

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WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED/LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Oh, Brothers....we shall not be moved
Oh, Sisters...we shall not be moved
Like a Tree planted by the water
Oh we shall not be moved

Verse 1

Glory hallelujah
We shall not be moved
Anchored in Jehovah
We shall not be moved
Like a tree that's
Planted by the waters
We shall not be moved

Verse 2

In His love abiding
We shall not be moved
And in Him confiding
We shall not be moved
Like a tree that's
Planted by the waters
We shall not be moved

Chorus

Leaning leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 4

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 4

Tho the tempest rages
We shall not be moved
On the Rock of Ages
We shall not be moved
Like a tree that's
Planted by the living waters
We shall not be moved

We Shall Not Be Moved

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your
goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

Today's Preacher - David Stewart

David is originally from British Columbia. He is currently Director of Libraries at Bethel University and has studied at Regent College and the University of Western Ontario. David and his wife Liz, our Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, are the parents of four grown children, and live in Falcon Heights.

EASTER *Creativity*

from CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Let's spread an Easter Feast for one another during the Easter Season by offering our creative gifts to encourage, inspire and celebrate. For the next six weeks adults, youth and children are invited to submit artwork of all kinds - poetry, painting or photography; music, memoir or drawing - inspired by a different word each week. We look forward to receiving submissions on the theme of "Morning" by end-of-day April 26 and the theme of "Appear" by end-of-day May 3.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS](#)

CELEBRATING EASTER WITH GENEROSITY

Throughout the Easter season, Church of the Redeemer is giving \$1000 each week to organizations that provide relief to those affected by the current crisis. Additional resources are also available for the needs of individuals and families in and outside our church. Please contact Fr. Paul, Deacon Liz, or Deacon Dawn if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare. Recipients for the second week of Easter were [Caminemos Juntos' Immigrant Relief Fund](#) and [Ralph Reader Foodshelf](#).



HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, MAY 3



The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

In this season of dispersed worship as a church, weekly celebration of the Eucharist is something that we sorely miss. The Eucharist is a sacrament of unity: Christ's offering of his life to us in the elements of bread and wine and a manifestation of the unity of the body of Christ as God's people rightly receive him. Prior to the current crisis, a small portion of the bread and wine was reserved to be brought to those who were not able to join in gathered worship. For those physically separated from their fellow believers, reserved sacrament is a visible sign of the invisible grace that Christ is with them and—in unity with Christ—their church is with them as well.

Our separation from each other is a hardship. And yet, even when we can't all be present in the liturgy of Holy Communion, "because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." We long to see each other face-to-face at the Lord's table. As we wait in this season of dispersion, the sacrament remains a sacrament of the unity we share together in Christ and his Real Presence with us – dispersed, yet truly one.

Reserved sacrament of bread will be distributed from outside the church on Saturday, May 2, 9:30–10:30 a.m. We will receive together during online worship on Sunday, May 3, 4:30 p.m. Just as you reverently receive the bread into our hands in gathered worship, please keep the reserved sacrament in a special vessel or secure place in your home until we are able to "take, and eat" together on May 3. Please [contact Fr. Paul](#) with questions.

UPCOMING WEDDING



Patrick Homan and Bethany Jensen intend to be married on Saturday, June 6 and I invite your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the first time of asking. - Fr. Paul

Almighty God, we thank you for the love of Patrick and Bethany, and we ask your blessing upon them and their families during this time of preparation. Open their minds and hearts to one another, enable them faithfully to receive your Word and Sacrament, and help

us to support them, that they may rightly prepare for their marriage. And, we pray, give us wisdom to uphold and encourage all who have been united in Holy Matrimony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In light of altered schedules and an increased need for worship and fellowship we are increasing the frequency of worship to three times-a-week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Each time of worship will follow a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes with a unique emphasis. Login information and a downloadable orders of service will be available at:

<https://ofthedeemer.org/events>

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

[Emphasis: God's Word for us.](#)

Friday, Noon,

[Emphasis: Testimony.](#)

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

Women's Bible Studies on the Gospel of John

- Monday night - resumes April 20 via Zoom from 7:30-9:00pm. All women are invited - it is not too late to join us! Please contact [Barbara Leafblad](#) or [Barbie Anderson](#) for materials and Zoom info.
- Thursday morning - resumes April 16th in Chapter 14 of the Gospel of John via Zoom from 9:30-11:30. All women are welcome. Please contact [Cindy Calvin](#) at for further information.

PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

A care team has been established to help maintain connections and encouragement within the church body, and to support one another in mission to neighbors, friends, and family. Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

DAILY DEVOTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

- For individual and household worship, [Family Prayer](#) (p.67), or [Morning & Evening Prayer](#) (p.11, 41) in [The Book of Common Prayer – 2019](#) are rich liturgical resources.
- A group of faculty at UNW led by our own Jonathan Loopstra, are posting their favorite historical Christian prayers each day over the next month. Though this is primarily meant to build up our students and community, others are welcome to join in meditating and praying alongside these ancient Christians. www.thirtydaysofprayer.com.

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