

April 22, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP - Hymn No. 318

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

MaryAshlynn Perkey

PRELUDE

Thine Is the Glory

Robert Hughes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shell Dula

Leader: Praise God! For the Lord our God is King.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad; let us praise his greatness.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,

People: who was, and is, and is to come.

Leader: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

People: to receive honour and glory and praise.

Leader: He loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

**People: and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and
Father.**

Leader: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,

People: be praise and honour and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Llanfair

*INVOCATION

O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness.

**Let the risen Lord abide with us this day, opening the Scriptures to us
and breaking bread in our midst.**

**Set our hearts aflame and open our eyes so that we may see in his sufferings
all that the prophets foretold and recognize him at this table
as the Christ, now entered into his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-48

Page 109 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Very Good and Pleasant
Chancel Choir

Arlen Clarke

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Lasst Uns Erfreuen
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Larry Moore

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 307**

Christ Is Risen

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SERMON

"Resurrection Reality"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please see communion insert)

***HYMN NO. 327**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

***BENEDICTION**

We have eaten together with the risen Christ.
Go out then, as witnesses of these things.
Attend to your heart, worship with integrity, trust in the Lord.
Proclaim forgiveness and healing in his name to all.

May God raise you from death to life,
from brokenness to perfect health;
May Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt;
and may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy,
even as the bread and wine give your body life.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 666**

Shalom to You

Shalom

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

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Communion Servers

Bob Cureton, Chuck and Anne Drake, Reverend Martin, Larry and Martha Moore

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Tom Cox and Ann Cox Turner by Hennie Cox and Chuck and Bett Cox McCleskey.

The single pink rose in the chancel area is given in loving honor of
Camille Wolfe on her 90th birthday, April 24th by her family.

Music Notes

The anthem for today is a paraphrase of Psalm 133.

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live
together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on
the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's
beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his
blessing,
even life forevermore.

How Very Good and Pleasant

How very good and pleasant,
how very good to see,
When kindred live together, together in unity.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls upon the hills,
For there the Lord gives blessing,
and there our spirit fills.

For peace shall come upon you,
anointing every race,
The precious oil of Aaron,
the precious gift of grace.
The poor shall be uplifted,
the scornful be made low.
The Lord ordains his blessing,
and life, forever more.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Invitation

Jesus broke bread with all sorts of people throughout his life: with sinners, with the self-righteous, with hungry crowds, and, most often, with his disciples. It was in the breaking of bread that the travelers to Emmaus recognized him. When the first Christians gathered on the Lord's Day to share in a meal of Christ's remembrance, they spoke of it as "the breaking of the bread." With all God's faithful, let us now break bread together in communion with Christ and with one another.²

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Source of all goodness,
we give you thanks and praise
for your dwelling among us in Christ Jesus.

We marvel at the one who
opened wide his arms for us on the cross
and put an end to death by dying for us,
creating a new and holy people.

As Christ was made known to the travelers on the
Emmaus Road by the breaking of the bread,
so may he be made known to us through this
Holy Meal.

² Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 408.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts of bread and wine
 may they be to us a living memorial of Christ's sacrifice.
By your Holy Spirit make Christ known to us
 that we may join the mighty host of all believers
 in growing into his likeness,
 looking to the day when we shall all be one
 in the fullness of your reign.³

We therefore proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**⁴

Creator God, be present
with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit,
that we and your entire church
may be called out and made whole through this meal.
Grant that all who share
the communion of the body and blood of your Son may be united in him.
And may we all remain faithful in love and hope
until we feast joyfully with Christ at the coming of the kingdom.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**⁵

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

³ Adapted from Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 412.

⁴ John D. Witvliet and Emily Brink, eds., *The Worship Sourcebook*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2004), 323.

⁵ Adapted from Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 325.

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. Amen.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Cup we share is the Cup of Promise.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come and eat, the banquet awaits.⁶

Prayer Following Communion

Almighty and loving God,

we marvel at the privilege of eating at Christ's table.

Made one with Christ in the fellowship of this meal,

we know ourselves to be at one with all your people everywhere.

Help us to express Christ's hospitality toward all we meet. Amen.⁷

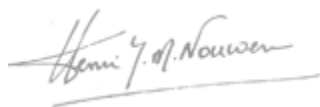
⁶ Gord Waldie, "The Banquet of Hopeful Expectations," *Worship Offerings*, entry posted January 20, 2080, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/01/banquet-of-hopeful-expectation-advent.html> (accessed April 11, 2012).

⁷ Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 421.

The Meal That Makes Us Family and Friends

We all need to eat and drink to stay alive. But having a meal is more than eating and drinking. It is celebrating the gifts of life we share. A meal together is one of the most intimate and sacred human events. Around the table we become vulnerable, filling one another's plates and cups and encouraging one another to eat and drink. Much more happens at a meal than satisfying hunger and quenching thirst. Around the table we become family, friends, community, yes, a body.

That is why it is so important to "set" the table. Flowers, candles, colorful napkins all help us to say to one another, "This is a very special time for us, let's enjoy it!"¹



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¹ Henri Nouwen, "The Meal That Makes Us Family and Friends," Daily Meditation, entry posted February 16, 2012, <http://www.henrinouwen.org/> (accessed February 12, 2012).