



**REPENTANCE** &  
**FORGIVENESS**  
..... of **SINS**  
will be **PREACHED**  
in his **JESUS**  
to all nations...

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April 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

# “Third Sunday of Easter”

April 18, 2021

*Friends, we welcome you in the name of the one God who has defeated death forever by raising Jesus from the tomb. We too now walk in new life.*

In the spirit of Christian love and acceptance, we welcome all who have come to worship our God. May God’s comfort and peace fill each of us as we worship before him.

If you are a member or a guest, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to **fill out an attendance sheet** located in your bulletin and drop it off in the attendance tray outside the sanctuary on your way out after service.



## Today’s Theme

After His resurrection, Jesus miraculously appeared several times to His followers. In our passage today, we find the disciples discussing all the startling events they had witnessed and suddenly Jesus appeared before them once again. He ate with them a simple meal of fish and opened their minds to understand the fulfillment of Scriptures and the promised Holy Spirit. We, like the disciples, may feel startled, doubtful, fearful, or confused. But as we encounter our Risen Lord through worship, prayer, and fellowship, we ask Him to open our minds and hearts to see and understand as we bear witness to this Good News.

# ✝ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship ✝

## Welcome

## Time of Praise and Worship

### Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends  
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

Because He lives

## Invocation

- Pastor: Welcome all, young and old, come worship the Ancient of Days!  
People: **We are young, we are old, or we are somewhere in between, but our home is not on this earth. We wait for the hope of glory, our mansions in the sky. We seek the Lord, for He is our home.**
- Pastor: He does miracles and meets us where we are. He stirs our hearts with passion for the Lord God Almighty.  
People: **May we encounter Him today!**

## Opening Prayer

- Pastor: Father God, we are so grateful to be in Your presence away from the noise of this world. You are truly Great- the God who is above our earthly understanding. You work miracles that we can hardly believe- You are amazing! We look to You to do the work that we cannot do ourselves, to show up unannounced in our lives. Give us Your eyes to see You today. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray.  
People: **Amen!**

## Time of Confession and Forgiveness

- Pastor: We are children of God, adopted into His family through Christ alone. We at times feel startled, doubtful, fearful, or confused.  
People: **We refuse the help of Almighty God and rely on our own earthly strength and knowledge to help us and get us through. We focus on the seen, not on the unseen God. Forgive us, Father.**
- Pastor: If we are children of God, we must live as children of God giving up our lives for one another as He gave up His life for us. So, Lord, help us live as Your children. Fill us with the Holy Spirit who empowers to forgive as we've been forgiven.  
People: **We ask this, Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ- Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# ✠ We Hear God's Word ✠

## First Reading ..... Acts 3:11-21

*After Peter and John prayed for the healing of a lame beggar, the people were astonished and amazed. Peter used this miraculous moment to share, "Repent and turn to God!" bringing them the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup> While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup> "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading ..... 1 John 3:1-7

*As children of God, we desire to follow the leadership of our Father. When we sin, we break the law, but Christ came to take away our sin, wash us clean, and make us new again. It is in Him we are found righteous in our Father's eyes.*

<sup>1</sup> How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**  
Reader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

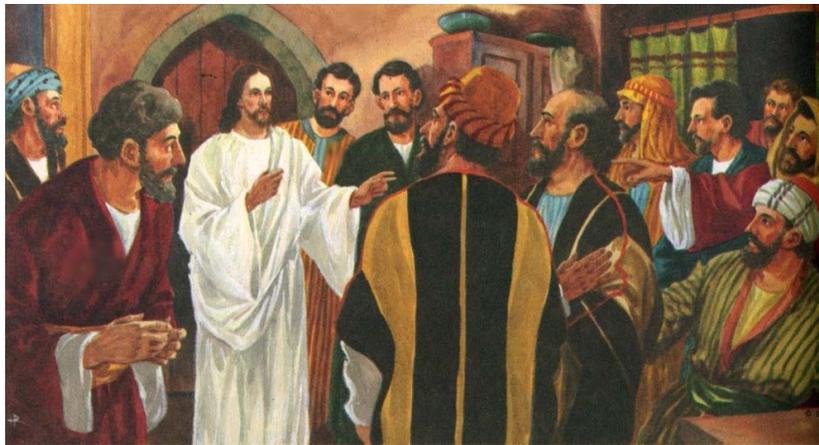
## Gospel Reading ..... Luke 24:36-49

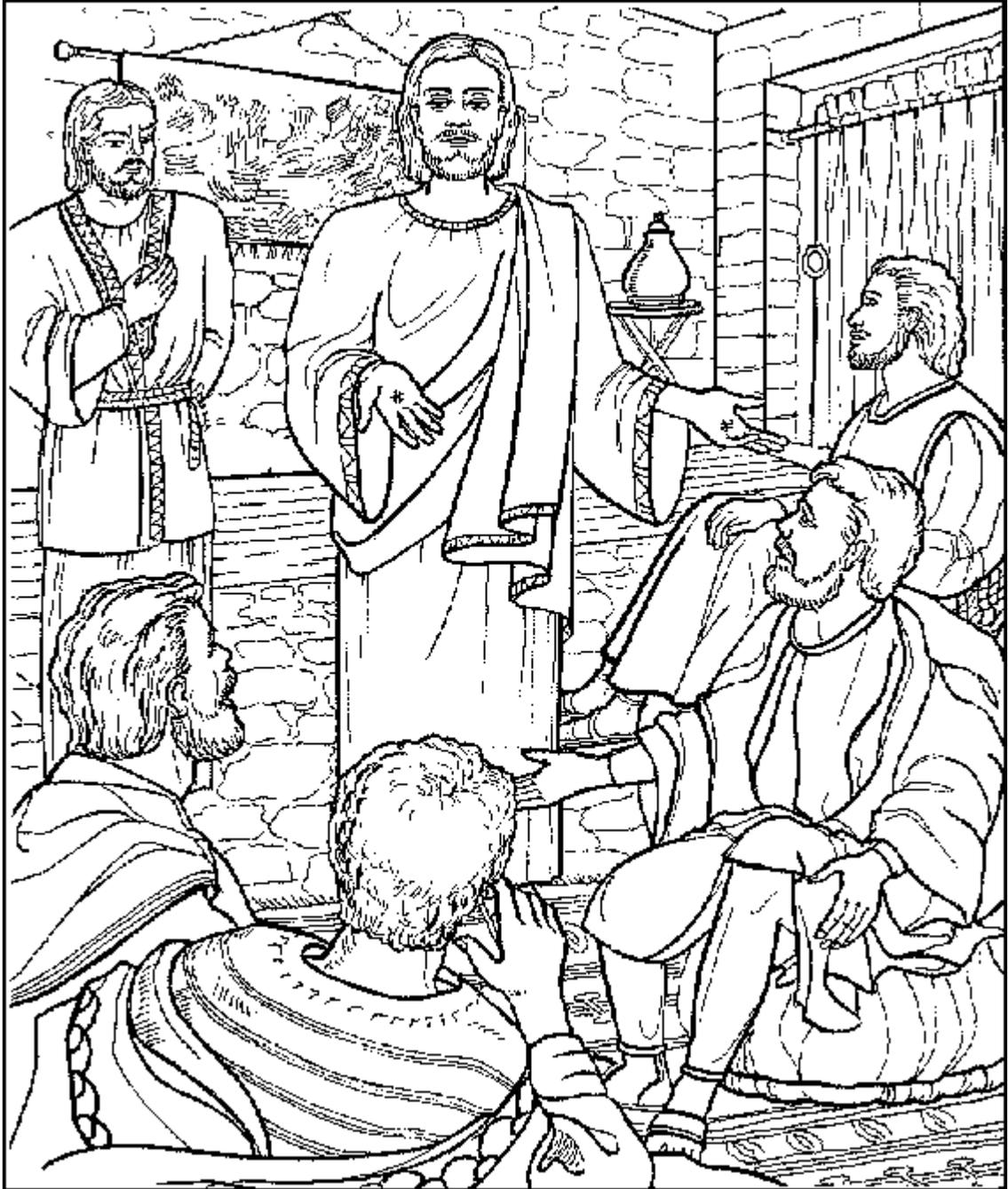
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<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**Please be seated**





# Response Song

## Great I Am

I wanna be close close to Your side  
So Heaven is real and death is a lie  
I wanna hear voices of angels above  
Singing as one

Hallelujah holy holy  
God Almighty the great I Am  
Who is worthy none beside Thee  
God Almighty the great I Am

I wanna be near near to Your heart  
Loving the world hating the dark  
I wanna see dry bones living again  
Singing as one

Hallelujah holy holy  
God Almighty the great I Am  
Who is worthy none beside Thee  
God Almighty the great I Am  
The Great I Am  
The mountains shake before You  
The demons run and flee  
At the mention of Your name King of majesty  
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand  
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am  
The great I Am  
The great I Am

Hallelujah holy holy  
God Almighty the great I Am  
Who is worthy none beside Thee  
God Almighty the great I Am

Hallelujah holy holy  
God Almighty the great I Am  
Who is worthy none beside Thee  
God Almighty the great I Am  
The great I Am  
He's the great I Am  
The great I Am

# Message

Please stand

## † We Respond to God's Word †

### Affirmation of Faith

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.

## † We Pray †

### Prayers of the Church

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

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

*(The prayers conclude)*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

# 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.

## ✠ We Depart in Peace ✠

### Benediction

**Pastor:** May the worship we offered You today be a worthy response to Your love and sacrifice for us.

**People:** In our homes, in our jobs, in our hearts, may we encounter Christ and live our lives worthy of His glory. Amen!

### Closing Song

#### Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way  
At the sound of Your great Name  
All condemned feel no shame  
At the sound of Your great Name  
Ev'ry fear has no place  
At the sound of Your great Name  
The enemy he has to leave  
At the sound of Your great Name

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us  
The Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise  
Your great Name

All the weak find their strength  
At the sound of Your great Name  
Hungry souls receive grace  
At the sound of Your great Name  
The fatherless they find their rest  
At the sound of Your great Name  
The sick are healed and the dead are raised  
At the sound of Your great Name

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Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us  
The Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise  
Your great Name  
Oh, Your great Name

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty  
My Savior, Defender, You are my King  
Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty  
My Savior, Defender, You are my King

Jesus, the Name of Jesus  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise  
Your great Name

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us  
The Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise

Your great Name  
Your great Name  
Your great Name

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus**

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