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# Traditional Worship Guide

## Third Sunday of Easter ☩ April 14, 2024

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### WELCOME

### BETHANY'S MISSION

- P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,  
we seek to live our mission of:
- C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" ..... # **365**

### GREETING

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

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☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING Acts 3: 12-19 Bible, pg. 1695

SECOND READING 1 John 3: 1-7 Bible, pg. 1900

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)

☩ Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24: 36b-48 Bible, pg. 1644

- Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON

After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to  
the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.

HYMN: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" ..... # **389**

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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## APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come 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.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & TEMPLE TALK

*Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response after each petition:*

P: ...Lord in Your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Samuel Medley, 1775

*Vivit L. M.*

Arr. from Handel

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to  
3. He lives to grant me rich sup - ply, He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was  
plead for me a - bove, He lives my hun - gry soul to  
guide me with His eye, He lives to hear my soul's com -

dead, He lives, my ev - er liv - ing Head.  
feed, He lives to help in time of need.  
plaint, He lives to com - fort me when faint. A - MEN.

4 He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to stop and wipe my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

5 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
How sweet the joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with words of your life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ..... # 365**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3, tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708;  
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4. Music J. Walsh, public domain.

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 list’ning to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav’ns 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 of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father,  
all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow’r, and glory  
ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Music: German Melody, 18<sup>th</sup> Century

**The Day of Resurrection!**

- 1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,