

# Order of Service

## for Home Worship

### *THE THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER*



#### Hymn 1 The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own "All hail" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her 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 hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace in our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us to life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

**Collect:** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. 2. 14a, 36-41**  
But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116. Response: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living**

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call upon him as long as I live. (R)

The snares of death encompassed me the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord; "O Lord, I  
pray, save my life." (R)

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the  
simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. (R)

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from  
stumbling.  
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. (R)

**A reading from the first letter of Peter**

**1. 17-23**

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** The Lord has risen indeed!  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke**

**24. 13-35**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Meditation:** After the trauma of the crucifixion and on hearing the incredible news  
that the tomb had been found empty two disciples decided to leave Jerusalem and  
journey to Emmaus. Today we walk with those disciples. As they walked together they  
are joined by Jesus who enters into conversation with them. At first they did not  
recognise him as he talked with them, even as he explained the scriptures to them.  
Even so, they enjoyed his company and felt comfortable with him, to the extent that  
when they reached their destination they asked Jesus to rest with them and share a  
meal. Jesus agreed. As they ate Jesus repeated his actions at the Last Supper, he  
took bread and blessed it before sharing it with his friends. As he broke the bread  
their eyes were opened and they recognised Jesus. As soon as they recognised him  
he disappeared from their sight. Like tells us how their hearts burned when he was  
talking to them and in their great excitement they returned to Jerusalem to tell the

others that they had seen the Lord. How surprised and excited they must have been to hear that Peter too had seen the risen Lord. This account of the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one that is of great encouragement to us. Just as Jesus appeared to the two disciples in their fear and they left Jerusalem in search of safety so he comes to us in time of need and just as they recognised his presence with them in the breaking of the bread so we recognise his presence among us at every Eucharist in Word and Sacrament in the breaking of the bread. – our pledge that the risen Christ is with us.

#### **Intercessions:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; that the Church may faithfully proclaim the risen Christ revealing his presence among us in the breaking of the bread.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression among them the people of the Ukraine and the Yemen, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; May the leaders of the nation's follow the Lord in the ways of justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we persevere in the ways of Christ bringing hope and peace to those in need around us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession books; relieve them according to their need, strengthen them with your Holy Spirit and console them with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; welcome them and all the departed into the eternal joy and peace of your heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**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,  
The power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Peace:**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **The Blessing:**

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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. **Amen**

**Hymn 2. Love's Redeeming Work is Done,**

- 1. Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
Lo, he sets in blood no more.**
- 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**
- 3. Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?**
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
- 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given;  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!**

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