

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

arr. Anna Laura Page

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**All: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Liturgist: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"**

Liturgist: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

**All: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.**

Liturgist: For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Psalm 116:1-9*

\* **All Singing: 370 "My Soul Finds Rest"**

- \* GOD'S GREETING
- \* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

- \* **All Singing: 205 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."*

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: 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,

**All: Brothers, what should we do?**

Liturgist: 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."

*Acts 2:14, 36-39*

*Silent Confession and Lament*

- \* **All Singing: 439 "I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry"**  
*Choir singing first verse, all joining to repeat verse 1 and sing verse 2*

Liturgist: 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.

**All: He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for our sake.**

Liturgist: 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.

- \* **All Singing: 825 "Beneath the Cross"**

Liturgist: 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.

**All: For we have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.**

*1 Peter 1:17-23 adapted*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Choir: "Open Our Eyes"

Will C. Macfarlane

Open our eyes, O loving and, compassionate Jesus,  
that we may behold Thee, walking beside us in our sorrow.

Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant;  
for through its portals, we enter into the presence of the living God.

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,  
that we may see to follow Thee, Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Teleporting Jesus

\* **All Singing: 207 "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger"**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of  
our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund

2. Bethshan Association

Choir: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

\* **All Singing: 965 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 943 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**


Postlude: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. John Carter

**Worship Leaders**

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Ari Varghese
Prelude Pianist:	Jean Korthals	Liturgist:	Anna Wiers
Vocalist:	Ginny Carpenter	Prayer:	Nate Pettinga
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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