

The Third Sunday of Easter

The Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 9:00 am (Online)

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Prelude

Opening Hymn

Come Home Running

Chris Tomlin \ Jesse Reeves

Verse 1: Oh heart of mine Why must you stray From One so fair. You run away and one more time. You have to pay the heaviness of needless shame

Chorus

So come home running His arms are open wide. His name is Jesus And He understands. He is the answer You are looking for.
So come home running Just as you are

Verse 2: Oh heart of mine Come back home. You've been too long out on your own. And He's been there all along watching for you down the road

Verse 3: Oh child of God So dearly loved and ransomed by The Savior's blood. And called by name daughter and son wrapped in the robe of righteousness

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle – 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given 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. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 4

**1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

**2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

**3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**

**4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

**6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

**7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Reflection Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit***

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Presider

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord saying: **Hear our Prayer.**

Presider

God, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Closing Hymn

Christ is Alive!

Hymnal #182

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.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936);
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