

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. Your holiness frightens us. What else can we do but fall down before you and confess our woe? We are lost. We are a people of unclean lips and unclean thoughts. The light of your holiness only reveals the darkness of our sin.

Holy, Holy, Holy, you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. Your holiness is white hot, converting our sin. Send your seraphim to us with burning coals from your altar, that our guilt be taken away, and our sin forgiven.

Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. Your holiness is frightening, all consuming. Sanctify us to your service. Make us holy, that we might be your people, that we might reflect your glory and serve you forever. In the name of Jesus we pray, who ever stands before the altar of heaven, our mediator, who presents before your holy majesty our prayer and supplication, now and evermore. Amen.

Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## Psalm

*Psalm 116:1-14*

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death,  
 my eyes from tears,  
 my feet from stumbling;  
<sup>9</sup>I will walk before the LORD  
 in the land of the living.  
<sup>10</sup>I believed, even when I spoke,  
 "I am greatly afflicted";  
<sup>11</sup>I said in my alarm,  
 "All mankind are liars."  
<sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the LORD  
 for all his benefits to me?  
<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
 and call on the name of the LORD,  
<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD  
 in the presence of all his people.

## Acts Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."  
<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## Epistle

*Romans 5:6–11*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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 happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Hymn

## Arise, My Soul, Arise

- 1 Arise my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.
- 2 He ever lives above for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for all our race,  
His blood atoned for all our race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
- 3 Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."
- 4 The Father hears him pray - his dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of his Son.  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
And tells me I am born of God.
- 5 My God is reconciled, his pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry!

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## Sermon

## Hymn #466

## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. *Refrain*
- ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain*
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain*
- 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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.

## **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.

## **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
Amen.