

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

Hymn of Invocation

My Savior's Love



What tongue could tell my Sav - ior's love What
What tune could car - ry on its wings The
And when in death this tongue is stilled, My



song of an - gels could de - scribe; Could end-less prais-es be e - nough To
beau - ty of that fi - nal breath; What words dare paint the awe-some scene When
song of life has reached the end; Though as a flow - er I may wilt This



c - cho full His sac - ri - fice? How wor - thy is the Lamb of God Be -
God stood in the stead of man? When Je - sus Christ the ra - diant One Took
ev - er - last-ing truth will stand. No death or life could se - pa - rate Me



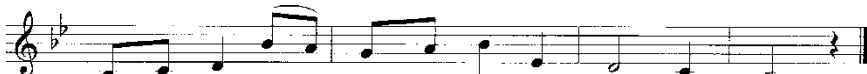
yond all might or skill of pen; Still we con - fess and strain to - wards Such
on the sha - dows of our hate; Then rose a - gain just as the sun With
from the love of Christ my Lord; This hope is sure from age to age My



mys - tery and mag - ni - fi - cence.
light and power in full - est grace. My
song will be for - ev - er - more.



Sav - ior's love, My Sav - ior's love. What



could com - pare, what tongue could tell My Sav - ior's love.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
C Your holiness frightens us. It fills us with awe. It fills us with wonder. 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.
- P** Holy, Holy, Holy, you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
C 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.
- P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
C 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.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
C Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 86:3-5

- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.
C Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
P For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
C Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 30

- P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- C** **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**
- P** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- C** **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**
- P** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- C** **As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**
- P** By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- C** **To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**
- P** "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- C** **Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**
- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- C** **that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Gloria

To the tune Mendelssohn ("Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Rite of Holy Baptism



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are

witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Credo

To the tune St Denio (“Immortal, Invisible”)

**Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.**

**And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.**

**Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.**

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. But mainly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing...

Sanctus

To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory

Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;

"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;

God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,

Bearing the sinners' load

To buy our peace:

Now risen and enthroned,

With life and glory crowned,

To all the lost and found

Please grant your peace.

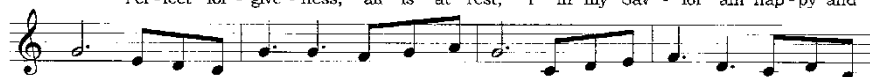
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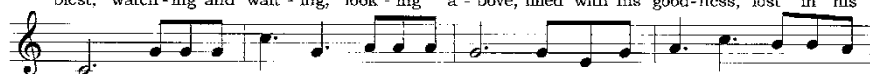
Blessed Assurance



Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
Per - fect for - give - ness, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
Per - fect for - give - ness, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and



vine! Hcir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his
sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his



blood.

love. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
love.



long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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Distribution Hymn

Ancient of Days



Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is
 Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, He is
 Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will
 still one King reign - ing o - ver all. So, I will not
 here with me. I am not a - lone. O, His love is
 watch and wait for the Sav - iour King. Then, my joy com -
 fear for this truth re - mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days.
 sure and He knows my name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.
 plete, stand - ing face to face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.
 None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His
 throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will
 trust in His name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.

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Distribution Hymn #633

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

- 6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

- △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.

Tune: Kirchengeseng, 1566, Ivancice

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The Dismissal

Closing Hymn #924

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
 joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
 Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
 O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen**

Announcements

Today

- [Bible Study](#) 10:30 AM: Adults and Children meet downstairs
- [Confirmant Questioning](#) 11:45 AM
- [Sunday Evening Prayer](#) 5:30 PM
- [New Member Class](#) 6:00 PM

Tuesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- [Youth Group](#) 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

- [Zoom Group Study "The Great Divorce"](#) by C.S. Lewis - 7:00 PM

Saturday

- [Women of Faith Bible Study](#) 9:00 AM



[St. James Giving](#)

If you still need to submit a picture for the St. James Photo Directory, please email one to megrathert@gmail.com or Meg can take one before or after Bible Study on Sunday, May 15th or Sunday, May 22nd. Please sign up in the narthex for either of those dates.

[Graduating Senior High Students](#) – We are planning a celebration of 2022 graduates to be held May 22nd immediately following the worship service! **If you have a senior high student graduating this year, please contact the office with the student's name, school, and date of graduation by May 1st so we can include them in the celebration.**

[St. James Member Picture Directory](#) Please see the flyer and sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office for details and to sign up for your photo in April!

Please join us in support of our confirmands at their Confirmant Questioning which will be held after Bible study today.

Saturday, May 14 – [Family Service Opportunity](#). St. James is partnering with Home Depot and Thrivent to complete the Valley Ridge Senior Apartment landscaping project on May 14th. We will spread mulch, distribute flowers and spread cheer to the elderly. Please contact Cheryl in the church office if you are interested in participating.



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