



**April 26, 2020  
Third Sunday of Easter**

*Eastertide (also known as Eastertime or the Easter season) or Paschaltide (also known as Paschaltime or the Paschal season) is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Wikipedia)*

*Eastertide is a season for us as disciples not only to celebrate the joy of our Lord's resurrection, but also for us to reflect on our baptism, to discern what gifts God has given us for the building up of His Kingdom, and to journey to the celebration of Pentecost. It is that time from Christ's Resurrection to His Ascension when He showed Himself to His disciples and others and would eventually give birth to the Church.*

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Diadem arr. Sterling Procter)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgQ9ER-fdWQ>

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** As the sun set over the village of Emmaus, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his friends.

**Many:** **Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

**One:** Today although we cannot yet gather around table, font, and pulpit we remain hopeful, trusting to behold the risen Lord.

**All:** **May our eyes be opened to recognize Jesus in our midst.**

## **OPENING HYMN**

"My Life is in Your Hands" sung by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir in HD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AS6tQYJVO80>

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Living Lord, by the power of your Spirit, you are present among us. Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see you in our midst. We do not realize you are walking beside us, sheltering with us, grieving with us for we are distracted by the news and weighed down by the events of our times. We fail to notice you in everyday encounters and may not lift our eyes to see you because we are focused on other things. We do not recognize you on our streets or at our tables, for our expectations are too limited to imagine all the ways you dwell among us. Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst, so that seeing you clearly we might follow you faithfully, and our hearts may burn within us once again.**

### **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Amen. Ps. 103:17**

## **AN ACT OF PRAISE**      *Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,  
Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord God, in this dry and dusty place, pour out the power of your Spirit so that your Word may blossom in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.

## **PRAYER AND FIRST READING**

**Joan Pivnichny**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E\\_EIJ5g7Gww](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_EIJ5g7Gww)

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 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.

**PSALTER**

Psalm 16:1-4,12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 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!' What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

**MUSIC**

Psalm 116:1-8, 12-15 Song "Deliver My Soul" (Esther Mui)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJtwmLNxiT0>**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE***Stephanie DeGeneste*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVJTo6MyK3I>**NEW TESTAMENT**

1 Peter 1:17-23

**SCRIPTURE READING****Joan Pivnichny**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR3YirtvxUM>

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.

**GOSPEL READING**     Luke 24:13-35

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.

## **VIDEO LINK FOR LUKE READING**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YlzWPPiH4A>

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Lynn Santulli*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELTu9OfHriI>

## **SERMON HYMN**

ST MARK'S CHURCH CHOIR-THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7TFuqp97cs>

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **Apostle's 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can even go to the church's website and click on 'Donate Now' to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)***

## **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**(if you would like to have someone included on the prayer list, please email [pastor@crescentnonline.org](mailto:pastor@crescentnonline.org))**



### **Health Issues:**

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia;  
Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry;  
Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Chrissie and her son Jake;  
Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Michael R.; Karen West;  
Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Thomas West Jr.;  
Marlotte Troy Williams; the Carlson family; Darcella Sessomes; Norma Fagan.

### **Homebound:**

Sonnia Cook; George Germinder.

### **Bereavement:**

Fyffe family on the passing of Andrew's mother, Kathy  
All those grieving the passing of loved ones during this pandemic

### **World Issues:**

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

For those who are sick and suffering from this virus; medical personnel and others who work to help and heal; those who are working to support our communities wellbeing; those who are subjected to racist abuse and discrimination; those whose livelihood is threatened by business closures; families learning to live, work, and learn together in close quarters; those who are not safe in their homes; those who are struggling with isolation, loneliness, or addiction; those separated from loved ones because of travel and immigration restrictions and wisdom for leaders as they seek to respond to this crisis.

### **THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN      LUX EOI-ALLELUYA! ALLELUYA!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo>



## **BENEDICTION**

**Celebrate the Truth of the Resurrection. Let joy soak into your soul and be assured that God overcomes all. May the Lord bless you this Sunday and this Eastertide!**

### **CLASSICAL POSTLUDE**

**Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring by Bach (With Lyrics)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6OgZCCoXWc>

### **GOSPEL POSTLUDE**

**Detroit Mass Choir - The Storm Is Passing Over**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3jgPsGQSdQ>

### **CONTEMPORARY POSTLUDE**

Remembering those who have lost their lives to the virus and for all those we have released into God's care...

**See You Again (Charlie Puth, Wiz Khalifa), Cover by One Voice Children's Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXdWWHjix4c>