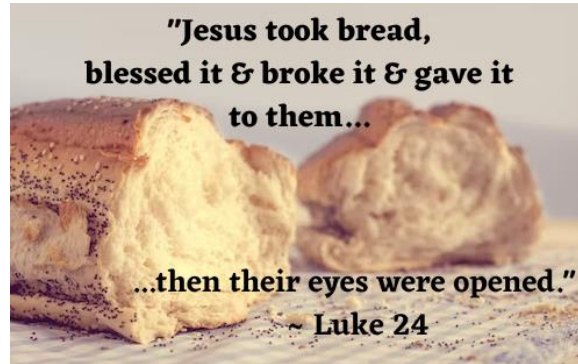


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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30AM  
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### Opening Litany

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
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### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. **Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.** Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

**Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need **through this living water.**

Where drought dries the earth, **bring refreshment.**  
Where despair prevails, **grant hope.** Where chaos reigns, **bring peace.**  
We ask this through Christ, **who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977**

Look who gathers at Christ's table hear the stories that they bring some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing, others ask why they're invited burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome, there is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitful efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways but they share one thing in common they all end in thanks and praise. For the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it truth and manna from above, and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

### **Greeting**

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

## First Reading

<sup>4a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup>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?” <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

## Psalm 116

### I Love You Lord by Mission House

<https://youtu.be/5xGUYScj7eo>

## Second Reading

## 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

## Gospel

## Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came 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 are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>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?" <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>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?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ WOV 754

Let us talents and tongues employ reaching out with a shout of joy  
Bread is broken the wine is poured Christ is spoken and seen and heard  
(refrain)

(refrain)

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live  
to bless, love in word and in deed express (refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to  
tell, bread to share; God Immanuel everywhere (refrain)

### Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of Intercession

### Peace

### Offering

#### Offering Prayer

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.  
Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.**

#### Offertory Response

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

### Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

### **Touch That Soothes and Heals ACS 939**

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread; steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet said Jesus live as ones I died to save

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit one in need of care, give the homeless warmth and shelter; Christ will find a welcome there

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet said Jesus live as ones I died to save

Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least. Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet said Jesus live as ones I died to save

Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal, feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet said Jesus live as ones I died to save

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**