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at 9am

# Worship Booklet

Third Sunday of Easter

A Liturgy of the Word

*Please  
join us  
on **Zoom***



# ASCENSION

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## **Opening** | *Christ is Risen*

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;  
all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning,  
see what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,  
Not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion;  
joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing hosanna everyone.

## **Gathering**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Risen Christ stands among his disciples  
and says, “Peace be with you.”

Let us share Christ’s peace with one another,  
placing our hands on our hearts.

**The peace of Christ be always with you.**

## **Acknowledgement**

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of Indigenous peoples. I live on the unceded territory of the *Algonquin Anishnaabeg people*. On whose territory do you live?

*Silence*

Let us pray,

Loving God,  
help us to live respectfully on these lands,  
seeking justice and peace. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

In this joyful Easter season, let us give thanks for the gift of new life.

Blessed are you, God of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You are our light and our salvation.  
From the deep waters of death  
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.  
Grant that we may daily be renewed  
in your image,  
walk by the light of faith,  
and serve you in newness of life;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
we lift our voices to sing.

## **Gloria**

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth peace to people of good will.*

*Repeat*

## **Collect of the Day**

God of the new fire  
and feasting at daybreak:  
come to us in the dullness of routine  
and the pain of betrayal;  
call to us in the way of the cross  
and the joy of resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **Amen.**

## **First Reading** | *Acts 9:1–20*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles ...*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going



along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of

Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and 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." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something

like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 30**

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have  
lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over  
me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to  
the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of God;  
give thanks for the remembrance of the  
holiness of God.**

For the wrath of God endures but the  
twinkling of an eye,  
the divine favour for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed.

**Lord, with your favour, you made me as  
strong as the mountains.”**

**Then you hid your face, and I was filled with  
fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with you, saying,  
“What profit is there in my blood, if I go  
down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your  
faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper.”

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed  
me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without  
ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **Gospel Reading** | *John 21:1-19*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to...

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them;

and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"



Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Sermon**

## **Second Hymn** | *Alleluia Alleluia Give Thanks*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to Christ's name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
He is the king of creation.

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to Christ's name.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen.

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
give praise to Christ's name.*

We have been crucified with Christ:  
Now we shall live forever

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to Christ's name.*

Come let us praise the living God.  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to Christ's name.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Together, let us declare our faith in the  
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Christ died for our sins**  
**in accordance with the Scriptures;**  
**he was buried;**  
**he was raised to life on the third day**  
**in accordance with the Scriptures;**  
**afterwards he appeared to his followers,**  
**and to all the apostles:**  
**this we have received,**  
**and this we believe. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **Closing**

This is the day that God has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to God  
whose power working in us can do infinitely  
more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation  
in the church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **Blessing**

May the joy of the resurrection be revealed in your life. May the peace of the risen Lord live deep inside you. May you be a sign of God's love to a world in need of hope and rebirth. And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you this day and for evermore.

**Closing** | *Jesus is Risen Alleluia*

Jesus is risen, alleluia!

Worship and praise him, alleluia!

Now our redeemer bursts from the grave;

Lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.

*Come, let us worship him,*

*endlessly sing;*

*Christ is alive and death loses its sting.*

*Sins are forgiven, alleluia!*

*Jesus is risen, alleluia!*

Go and tell others, Christ is alive.'  
Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.  
What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;  
what God conceives can never be killed.

*Come, let us worship him,  
endlessly sing;  
Christ is alive and death loses its sting.  
Sins are forgiven, alleluia!  
Jesus is risen, alleluia!*

Christ is arisen! Now all can see  
how humankind is meant to be free.  
though powers of darkness threaten their  
worst,  
Through every barrier Jesus has burst.

*Chorus*

Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:  
Jesus is savior of everything.  
All those who trust him, Christ will receive;  
therefore rejoice, obey and believe!

*Come, let us worship him,  
endlessly sing;  
Christ is alive and death loses its sting.  
Sins are forgiven, alleluia!  
Jesus is risen, alleluia!*

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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