



# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

# Resurrection Sunday

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. Colossians 1.18

**The Prelude** "Festive Prelude on Old One Hundredth" Bruce Stevenson

# Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of

them that slept. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is

your victory?

**People:** Christ is risen!

Minister: Christ is risen!

**People:** (with a great voice) **The Lord is risen indeed!** 

Alleluia. Alleluia! ALLELUIA!



#### \*Prayer of Adoration concluding with

#### O GOD OF MY EXODUS.

great was the joy of Israel's sons
when Egypt died upon the shore,
far greater the joy when my Redeemer's foe
lay crushed in the dust.

Jesus strides forth as the Victor,

Conqueror of death, hell and all opposing might.

You burst the bands of death,

trampled the powers of darkness down and live forever.

You, my gracious Redeemer,

apprehended for payment of my debt, came forth from the prison house of the grave free and triumphant over sin, Satan and death.

In You I died, in You I rose, in Your life I live, in Your victory I triumph, in Your ascension I shall be glorified for Your Names' sake. Amen!



Please be seated.

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00 The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30 The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

Lord Jesus Christ,

great was Your goodness in undertaking my redemption, in consenting to be made sin for me, in conquering all my foes.

Great was Your love in manifesting Yourself alive, in showing Your sacred wounds, that every fear might vanish, and every doubt be removed.

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven,

in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me, there to help me in temptation, there to open the eternal book,

there to receive me finally to Yourself. Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation;

bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life. O God, pardon all my sins, known and unknown,

O God, pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten.

Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to Your mind.

Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

#### **Private Confession**

#### **Words of Assurance**

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord," and You did forgive the guilt of my sin. Amen.

Psalm 32.5

# **Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Dr. Russell 8:00 Mr. Scruggs 9:30 Mr. Goebel 11:00

**Musical Offering** 

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Chancel Choir • Jeff Berta, conductor arr. Diane Bish

Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah! Sons of men and angels say, Hallelujah. Raise your joys and triumphs high, Hallelujah!

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee dearest friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end.

O make me Thine for ever, and should I fainting be? Lord, let me never outlive my love to Thee. Hallelujah!

- 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.

**The Sermon** "Through the Eyes of Cleopas (a Blind Traveler)" Mr. Davis



\*Choral Acclamation

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* Chancel Choir • Mr. Berta, *conductor*  G. F. Handel

#### \*An Easter Blessing

Minister: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and

who is to come, from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the

earth.

People: To Him who loves us, and has freed us from our sins by His

blood, and has made us to serve His God the Father—to Him

be glory and power forever and ever.

Choir: He is the First and the Last. He is the Living One. He was dead,

but behold, He is alive forever and ever!

Minister: Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5*J. Marty Cope, *organ* 

Charles-Marie Widor

\*The congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the fifth anniversary of the sobriety of our daughter Amanda Overton and the beginning of her journey with God by Mary and George Jackson.

The flowers on the cross in front of the sanctuary steps were given by the children in celebration of our Savior's resurrection.

Musicians assisting in worship this morning:

Jason Pettit, trumpet
Jack Evans, trumpet
David Heyde, french horn
Ron Wilson, trombone
Kent Eschelman, tuba
Drew Lang, percussion
Stephen Nielson, piano
Brian Piper, conductor

MINISTERS  The members of this church family who, in serving their Say Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the	
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#### **Personal Prayer and Counsel**

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

#### Come to the Feast

If any person is devout and loves God, let him come to this radiant triumphant feast.

If any person is a wise follower, let him enter into the joy of his Lord, rejoicing.

If any have fasted long, let him now receive refreshment.

If any have labored from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward.

If any came at the third hour, let him keep the feast with thankfulness.

If any arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings for he shall not be deprived.

If any delayed to the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing.

If any have waited even until the eleventh hour, let him not be alarmed at this tardiness.

For the Lord will accept the last even as the first.

Therefore, all of you, enter into the joy of your Lord.

Rich and poor together, hold high festival.

Diligent and heedless, honor this day.

Both you who have fasted, and you who did not fast, rejoice together today.

The table is full; all of you, feast sumptuously.

The calf is fatted; let no one go away hungry.

Enjoy the feast of faith; receive the riches of God's mercy.

Let no one bewail his poverty, for the fullness of the kingdom is revealed.

Let no one weep for his iniquities, for the forgiveness shines forth from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He who was held prisoner by death has annihilated it.

By descending into death, He made death captive.

He angered it when it tasted of His flesh.

Isaiah saw this, and he cried:

Death was angered when it encountered You in the lower regions.

It was angered, for it was defeated.

It was angered, for it was mocked.

It was angered, for it was abolished.

It was angered, for it was overthrown.

It was angered, for it was bound in chains.

It received a body and it met God face to face.

It took earth and encountered heaven.

It took that which is seen and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting?

O Grave, where is your victory?

Christ is risen and you are overthrown.

Christ is risen and the devils have fallen.

Christ is risen and the angels rejoice.

Christ is risen and life reigns.

Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the grave.

For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep, and to Him be glory and honor, even to eternity. Amen.

John Chrysostom (344 - 407)

# Sermon Notes

Luke 24.13-35

"Through the Eyes of Cleopas (a Blind Traveler)"

#### Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of March 27, 2016

#### **Praise**

# **Call to Worship** (everyone together)

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? Christ is risen! Alleluia!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (sing or say these words together)

Please refer to hymn on page three.

### **Hearing and Learning God's Word**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 24.13-35 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

**Questions for Discussion** (may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)

- 1. Describe Cleopas and his fellow travelers.
- 2. Why were they surprised that the stranger (Jesus) didn't know what had just happened in Jerusalem?
- 3. Why didn't they recognize Jesus?
- 4. What did Jesus do to help them see?
- 5. What did Jesus say about Himself?

#### Questions for older children

- 1. We hear the conversation between Cleopas and Jesus. What do you think other travelers might have been saying about Jesus?
- 2. Why did their hearts burn within them when Jesus opened up the Scriptures? How does this happen to us?
- 3. What do we learn from their inability to recognize Jesus and then later from their eyes being opened?
- 4. Have your eyes been opened? Does your heart burn?

#### **Scripture Memory for March** (memorize this verse of Scripture this month)

James 5.16

Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

# <u>Prayer</u>

#### **Prayer** (saying together)

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.