

Order of Worship for the Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

Dr. Clifford Anderson, Preacher
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "All My Trials, Lord" Bahamian Spiritual

Welcome Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 116

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

The LORD is gracious and hears our prayers.

Let us call on the name of the LORD as long as we live.

We will pay our vows to the LORD in the midst of the congregation. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your Son made himself known to the disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, so that we may see him in his redeeming work, for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 430 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Prayer of Confession Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our sin. Wash us thoroughly and we shall be clean. We have sinned against you and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us by your Spirit. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament 1 Peter 1:17-23 Steve Cook

New Testament Luke 24:13-35

Sermon "Considering the Long Term" Dr. Anderson

Gathering the Collection

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Bernard of Clairvaux

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you made Jesus the Author of life and raised him from the dead. You still bring healing and new life into our midst. Let our gifts contribute to the ongoing work of your Son Jesus, here and now. We pray in his name. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and 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 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.

Hymn 452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Benediction

Postlude "Consolation" Felix Mendelssohn

1 Peter 1 17 “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. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 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. 22 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. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.”

Luke 24 13 “Now on that same day [Easter Sunday] two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. 18 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?’ 19 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, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 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. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 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. 24 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.’ 25 Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 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. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 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?’ 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”



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