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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! People from around the country and around the world are joining us online. Today's service will be live streamed at 10am. Afterwards, you can view it as a recording whenever it fits your schedule. To download or print the bulletin, go to our website - mygloriadei.org. Thank you for joining us!

TODAY, we hear the wonderful story of two disciples walking to Emmaus and how they encounter Jesus along the way and slowly recognize Him. May we see Jesus, the very presence of grace on our journey as well.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"* by Anthony Giamanco
Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

THE GREETING AND INVOCATION

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* #365 vv. 1-3
Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia! our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia! suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia! sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia

But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia! our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia! where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (People read **bold** words.)
I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

(Silence for confession. The pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.") (People sing refrain.)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly, to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23

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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: 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.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sabrina Vasta

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE DAY: Lord of the Dance (tune: *Simple Gifts*)

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain: **Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the Dance went on. [Refrain]**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance and I still go on. [Refrain]**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance said he. [Refrain]**

THE MESSAGE:

"Recognition"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Abide With Me* by Matt Maher

Christian Try

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The 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.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time,
and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who
offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Will You Let me be Your Servant

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**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav-'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

SENDING WORDS:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Partita Francais* by Craig A. Penfield

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by JoAnn Moerschbaeher in honor of her family. They are also given by Dianne Schultz to celebrate her husband Bob's birthday.

THANK YOU - To Christian Try for leading the singing and to Gabriel LaBelle for reading for our service today.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL - "Christ in our Home" (April - June), is available for pick up just outside the church office or if you would like one mailed to you, please call or email the church office (949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS - Pick up each week's Sunday school lesson bags located just outside the church office.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. during the quarantine. Wanna "hangout"? Send your email address to youth@mygloriadei.org and make sure you're ready for fun!

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT - Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Make yourself a margarita or any beverage of your choice, and join us for a virtual game night. Send your email address to youth@mygloriadei.org if you'd like to participate.

GODSPEED to Matt Sears (5pm Worship Leader) and family as they move out of state. They will be included in the prayers for a safe transition.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - virtual opportunity to continue the study of Matthew's gospel on Wednesdays at 3pm. If interested, call the church office or email pastorsabrina@mygloriadei.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY, 2nd Saturday of each month, 8am. The next meeting is May 9. If you would like to join in online, please email pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

BETHEL BIBLE SERIES will continue online. If you are in this two year class, you should have received information regarding the next classes. If not, please contact teachers Dennis and Daneen Pysz.

GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE - May 15, 2020 in Bankson Hall from 9am-3pm. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Gloria Dei. Alternatively, you may contact the office at 949-493-3414 or email - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org to request a time. CDC recommended precautions will be taken.

COLUMBARIUM registration has begun! 35 niches purchased, plus one memorial plaque. Once payment is made, choose the location (space for two remains). Please call the church office or go to mygloriadei.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Gen2Gen Event - Date tbd; Baccalaureate Sunday - May 31; Summer Theme - Psalms of Ascent (National Park Passports included) begins June 7; Jr. and Sr. High Youth Summer Trip - July 27-31; Vacation Bible School - date tbd in later summer.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text \$ amount to 949-356-5326. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.

