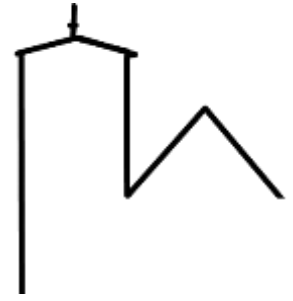


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 May 2022

Ten O'clock

LORD OF LIFE, submitting to death, you conquered the grave, by being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

from the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA).

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Clark-Jones

One: *Sing praises to God, O you saints of God. Give thanks to God's holy name.*

All: **Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day. Thank God for healing and ever-present help.**

One: *Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat. Praise the One who upholds us when we are discouraged.*

All: **God sees and hears our weeping. God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.**

One: *Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing. Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.*

All: **We have cried to you in our need, O God. We believe you are working to make us whole.**

***THE HYMN 111**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Gelobt sei Gott

**1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. The Lord of life is risen today!
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way,
Let every tongue rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

3. Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord.
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1931
Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

LOVING GOD, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit Your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways You intend and make us bold to respond.

***TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***KYRIE**

Tom Clark-Jones

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on us.
on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*music for this response appears toward the end of this leaflet.*)

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² 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.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told

what you are to do.”⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ 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.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”¹¹ 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,¹² and he has seen in a vision^[a] a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ 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;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul^[b] 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.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God!

***THE PSALTER**

Psalm 30

St. Thomas

1. I will exalt you, Lord
For you have lifted me
And have not let my foes rejoice
Or gain the victory

2. Lord God, I cried to you
And you have made me whole;
You brought me up, O Lord, from death
And you restored my soul.

3. You servants of the Lord,
Come now and let us sing;
Remembering his holiness
Give thanks to God our King.

4. His wrath is quickly past,
Love’s day is never done;
Though weeping may spend all the night
Joy rises with the sun.

5. You take my sackcloth off,
Turn wailing into praise
And you, O Lord, will clothe my life
With shining joy always.

6. Therefore my heart sings out
To you unceasingly;
O Lord, my God, all thanks to you
Forevermore will be.

Text: *A New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber

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Music: Aaron Williams, 1770

NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² 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. ³ 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.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

2. Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

3. In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
Music: William H. Jude, 1887

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*affirming together*)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness. God hath brought his Israel Into joy from sadness; 'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, And from three days sleep in death As a sun hath risen. Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render. Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection. Neither might, nor gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal, Not the watches nor the seal, Hold thee as a mortal, But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand bestowing That thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.

SEALING THE WORD

At the time of the Distribution of the EUCHARIST, worshipers are encouraged to use the bread and wine given out as you entered church this morning. Those worshipping at home via the world wide web may use whatever bread and wine are at hand as the food of the Supper. Jesus himself used the left over bread and wine from the Passover Feast to institute the first Eucharist. So we, too, may use those things closest at hand for this celebration. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

Tom Clark-Jones

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are_

full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho-

san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est

COMMUNION PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS



Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in— glo - ry!

THE INTERCESSIONS AND PRAYERS

... in your mercy ... Lord, hear our prayer.

CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[we pray 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Easter Anthem

David Halls

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast. Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more, death hath no more dominion over him. For as in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

**REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. Come, Christians follow
Where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

3. O Lord, once lifted
On the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us
Life eternally. *Refrain*

2. Each newborn servant
Of the Crucified
Bears on the brow
The seal of Christ who died *Refrain*

4. So shall our song
Of triumph ever be,
Praise to the Crucified
For victory! *Refrain*

Text: George William Kitchen, 1827-1912
Music: Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Ralph Vaughan Williams

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
The Westminster Choir
Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA and this celebration of the third Sunday of Easter. We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray this service will be a blessing to all who participate. We also welcome those who join with us through live-streaming on the world wide web. We pray that this will be a service to inspire and challenge your Christian life and service. This service is webcast at www.westminsterpeoria.org. It is covered by permissions granted by One License A 726060 for the use of musical portions of the service as well as to broadcast all music in the service with permission of the various publishers.

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THIS COMING FRIDAY EVENING ... May 6 at 7:30 p.m. the Iben Series continues with a program entitled, "Classic Admiration." Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi of the Bradley Music Faculty brings some great piano repertoire to life. The program opens with a trio for Violin, Flute and Cello by Alessandro Besozzi. Dr Choi continues with Mozart's Concerto in C minor with an

orchestral arrangement by Johann Nepomuk Hummel for violin, flute and cello. And finally, Dr. Choi takes on the great Sonata in b minor by Frederic Chopin. This is all masterwork music not often heard in live concert. So come and enjoy. We ask that masks be worn and social distancing suggestions followed. You may make a reservation for this concert. See the Weekly Window for all the details.

THEN ON MAY 15 at four in the afternoon, Dr. John Orfe brings us Olivier Messiaen's magnificent "Quartet for the End of Time". Again a group of instruments including flute, violin and cello join the piano in the Quartet. Following will be a world premier of a new work for Violin and Piano by Dr. Orfe played by guest violinist, Matthew Albert from the Music Faculty of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. You won't want to miss this wonderful program.

FINALLY, closing the 2021-2022 season of the Iben Series AND opening the 2022 Peoria Bach Festival ... concert organist Diane Meredith Belcher from the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City visits Westminster Church to play the fine Visser-Rowland pipe organ. A program built around the music of J.S. Bach, but with a few surprises awaits the listener. Ms. Belcher is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and the Eastman School in Rochester, New York. She has toured the world, held major teaching and church positions and comes to the literature of J.S. Bach with a lifetime of experience and understanding of the master's work. Don't miss her first Peoria recital!

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Cantor

Congregation

Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to God on High. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther; we wor - ship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther;
re - ceive our prayer. For you are the Ho - ly One,
You a - lone art the Lord, You a - lone art the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.
A - - - - - men.



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