

PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, we may hear Your word with joy. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS -

1 Peter 1:17-23 (Pages 1200-1201)

Luke 24:13-35 (Pages 1047-1048)

AFFIRMATION

In response to the word, let us make our affirmation:

We believe that God is present here, meeting us within our worship, speaking into every heart, offering wisdom for every mind and hope into every soul. We believe that, in Christ all things are possible and in the Spirit all life is being made new. This we believe.

MESSAGE: *“It is True! Christ is Indeed Risen”* Krikor Youmshajekian

HYMN: 361 *“The Day of Resurrection!”*

OFFERING - *“Honour the Lord with your wealth”.* Proverbs 3:9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Everything in heaven and earth comes from You, Lord. We give You only what is Yours. Accept our offerings, bless and use them for the spread of Your Kingdom. May You be praised forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: 592 *“Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus”*

BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

EASTER 3

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LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

The light of the risen Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death. *(Light a candle, representing the Risen Christ)*

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sing to God, all people of the earth, sing praises to the Lord! Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over all the land and whose power reigns above the skies. Praise be to God!

Sing to the Lord a new song

For He has done marvellous things.

Give thanks to the Lord

Rejoice and praise His name.

HYMN: 380 “Yours be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son”

RESPONSIVE READING

Risen Lord

Fill our hearts with Easter joy.

Risen Lord, You set ablaze the hearts of Your disciples with awe and wonder at Your resurrection. Open the eyes of Your Church to this astounding news

Fill our voices with joy that You are risen indeed.

Risen Lord, You see and judge the motives of rulers and leaders. Raise up and sustain with Your Holy Spirit people of integrity for the responsibilities of government . . .

Bring peace and justice to flourish.

Risen Lord, You drew alongside confused disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus. Give grace to all who accompany others in their searching . . .

For all who share their table and offer hospitality, we give You thanks.

Risen Lord, You incline Your ear to all who call upon You. Free us from the bonds that restrict our movement and dampen our praises . . .

Bless all who set their hope and trust on You.

Risen Lord, You came to Your disciples in the darkness and impaired vision of grief. Come close to all whose hearts are anguished by loss . . .

Bring us to rejoice in Your eternal Kingdom.

HYMN: 613 “Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy”

CONFESSION *(from Psalm 103)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Wash me, O Lord, and make me clean.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(from Psalm 103)*

Hear the good news: Our gracious God forgives all your iniquity and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; God does not deal with us according to our sins, or repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the steadfast love of God; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: 741 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (Taizé)

TIME TO PRAY

In silence please offer your prayers to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus.

THE LORD’S PRAYER