



Third Sunday of Easter

♪ Hymn (506) ♪

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the Word:
from heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
'til with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

♪ Hymn (584) ♪

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He
guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep His wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend Him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from His store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand;
joy doth wait on His command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
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♪ **Hymn (451)** ♪

Just as I am, without one plea
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

♪ **Chant (CAHON 938)** ♪

O - Surrexit Christus, Alleluia!
O - Cantate Domino, Alleluia!
Christ arose, Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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♪ **Hymn (CAHON 387)** ♪

Let us break bread together on our
knees;
let us break bread together on our
knees;
when I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our
knees;
let us drink wine together on our
knees;
when I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our
knees;
let us praise God together on our
knees;
when I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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♪ Hymn (587) ♪

Amazing grace (how sweet the
sound)

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am
found;

was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart
to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace
appear

the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and
snares

I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe
thus far,

and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to
me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this heart and flesh
shall fail,

and mortal life shall cease:

I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow,

the sun forbear to shine;

but God, who called me here
below,

will be forever mine.

When we've been there a
thousand years,

bright shining as the sun.

we've no less days to sing God's
praise

than when we first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

First Reading

Acts 2.14a, 36–41

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: 36‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

37 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?’ 38Peter 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. 39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ 40And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ 41So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.17–23

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

Gospel

Luke 24.13–35

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples

with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,

that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life

and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,

through our Saviour Jesus Christ

you have assured your children of
eternal life

and in baptism have made us one with
him:

deliver us from the death of sin

and raise us to new life in your love,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.