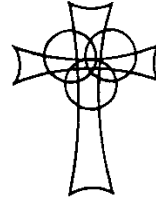


He has
 given us a **new**
birth into a living hope
 through the **resurrection**
 of **Jesus Christ**
 from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

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Midweek Devotions and Bible Study
Wednesday in the Second Week of Easter
April 14, 2021



Service of the Word in Eastertide

✠ *Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 139:7 and Liturgical Text

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

- P** If I ascend to heaven, You are there!
- C** **If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!**

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

- P** In Your resurrection, O Christ,
- C** **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia!**

- P** ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- C** ²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**
- P** ³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
- C** ⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**
- P** ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
- C** ⁶**And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P** ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- C** ⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** ¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** ¹²**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**
- P** ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** ¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Study 1: What Do We Live For?

1. Catechesis during Lent
Mystagogy during Easter

2. Peter addresses those he writes to as “elect”. What does it mean to be part of the “elect”? How then are the “elect” also “elect exiles of the dispersion”? (vs. 1)

3. We are a people baptized into the Name of the Triune God. How does Peter explain the roles that each Person of the Trinity plays in our lives? (vs. 2)

4. What are the blessings that we have been given through Christ and His resurrection which we have come to share through our Baptism? (vss. 3-5)

5. What one word summarizes all of these blessings? Why is this blessing we have in Christ so important for us as we live day-by-day in the world? (vss. 6-7)

6. What is the ultimate gift that we live by? What is the relationship between this gift and the trials and difficulties we face in our lives? (vss. 8-9)

7. What is the sure foundation of our faith and hope built upon? How do we know that the things we believe are true and certain?

8. As Baptized people of God, we are a people of joy who live in joy. What is the source of our joy and what does that joy mean for our lives?

The Prayers:

- P** On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for all the people He has redeemed.
- Let us pray that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of Christ's cross:
- C** **O Lord, hear us.**

P Let us pray that all people everywhere may receive the Good News of His victory:
C **O Lord, hear us.**

P Let us pray that all those born to new life in the waters of Baptism may know the power of the Lord's resurrection:
C **O Lord, hear us.**

P Let us pray that those who suffer any pain or anguish may find healing and peace in the risen wounds of Christ:
C **O Lord, hear us.**

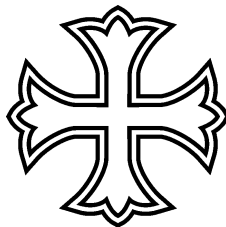
P Let us rejoice in the lives of all of God's saints, and let us pray that in the undying love of Christ we may be at last united with all who have died in the faith of Christ in the joys of God's eternal kingdom:
C **O Lord, hear us.**

P Let us commend the world, for which Christ died and rose again from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God as we offer to Him our prayers, either silently or aloud.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer:

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **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.



The Collect of the Day:

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Collect for the Easter Season:

- P** O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace:

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Closing Prayer:

after Richard of Chichester (1253)

- P** Together, we pray:
C **Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You**
for all the benefits that You have won for us,
for all the pains and insults that You bore for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know You more clearly,
love You more dearly,
and follow You more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.

The Benediction:

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

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