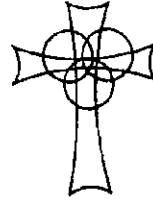
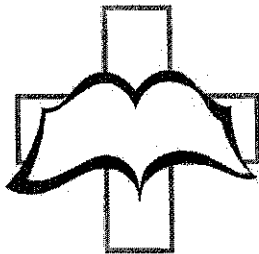


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Midweek Devotions and Bible Study
Wednesday in the Fourth Week of Easter
May 6, 2020

Service of the Word in Eastertide

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

The Opening Versicles:

*Psalms 70:1 and 139:7
and Liturgical Text*

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

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

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

- P** ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- C** ²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** ³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** ⁴**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** ⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- C** ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
- 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.**

The Scripture Reading for the Day

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Scripture Study for the Day

The Days of Resurrection

Study 4

"To Galilee He Goes Before You" – The Galilean Resurrection Appearances

Alleluia!

359. Jesus Appears to the Eleven on a Mountain in Galilee

Matt. 28.16-20 <i>(no. 364, p. 335)</i>	Mark 16.14-18 <i>(no. 363, p. 334)</i>	Luke	John 14.23 <i>(no. 318, p. 290)</i>
<p>16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."</p>	<p>14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.</p> <p>16 And he said to them,</p> <p>"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.</p> <p>18 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.</p> <p>17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."</p>	<p>cp. 24. 47f. <i>(no. 365, p. 335)</i></p>	<p>cp. 20.21 <i>(no. 356, p. 330)</i></p> <p>23 Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."</p>

360. Jesus Appears to His Disciples by the Sea of Tiberias

	Matt.	Mark	Luke 5.1-11 <i>(no. 41, p. 37)</i>		John 21.1-14 <i>(no. 367, p. 336)</i>
3			<p>1 While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret.</p>		<p>1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee,</p>
6			<p>2 And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered,</p>		<p>the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 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.</p>
9			<p>"Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."</p>		<p>4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.</p>
12					<p>5 Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some."</p>
15			<p>6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking,</p>		<p>So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of 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 his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang 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, but about</p>
18			<p>7 they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.</p>		<p>a hundred yards^m off. 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying 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 and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.</p>
21					<p>14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.</p>
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367. The Appendix to John: Jesus at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter and the Beloved Disciple. Final Authentication

Matt.	Mark	Luke	John 21.1-25
26. 30-35	14. 26-31	22. 39	(cp. no. 360)
16. 28	9. 1	22. 31-34 9. 27	18. 1; 16. 32; 13. 36-38 8. 51-52.
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9			Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3Simon Peter said to them,
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9			that night they caught nothing. 4Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet
12			the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?"
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21			loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he
24			put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. 8But the other disciples
27			came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.
30			9When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. 10Jesus
33			said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled
			the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net
			was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are
			you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so
			with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
			15When 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." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A 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." He
			said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was
			grieved 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. 18Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you
			girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another
			will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." 19(This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.)
			And after this he said to him, "Follow me." 20Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved,
			who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" 21When
			Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" 22Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that
			he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" 23The saying spread abroad among the brethren that
			this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain
			until I come, what is that to you?"
			24This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his
			testimony is true. 25But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I
			suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

[Matt. 26.30-35]

26.30-35 (no. 315, p. 288)

36 ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

39 ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written,

42 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

45 ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

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³³Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

³⁴Jesus said to him,

63 "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

66 ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

72 16.28 (no. 160, p. 151) ³⁶"Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

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[Mark 14.26-31]

14.26-31 (no. 315, p. 288)

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

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²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."

³⁰And Jesus said to him,

"Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

³¹But he said vehemently, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

9.1 (no. 160, p. 151) ¹And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

[Luke 22.31-34]

22.31 (no. 330, p. 297)

²⁹And he came out, and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

22.31-34 (no. 315, p. 288)

³¹"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren."

³³And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

³⁴He said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me."

9.27 (no. 160, p. 151)

²⁷"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

[John 13.36-38]

13.1 (no. 330, p. 297)

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

16.32 (no. 328, p. 295)

³²"The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, every man to his home, and will leave me alone; yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

13.36-38 (no. 315, p. 288)

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward."

³⁷Peter said to him, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times."

8.51-52 (no. 247, p. 211)

⁵¹"Truly, truly, I say to you, if any one keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, as did the prophets; and you say, 'If any one keeps my word, he will never taste death.'"

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.

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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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.

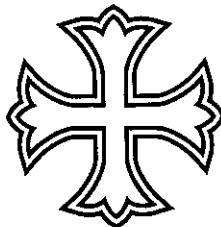
The Closing Prayer:

after Richard of Chichester (1253)

- P** 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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