



Gathering Song

Open the eyes of my heart

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*Steve Proctor, guitar*

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your pow'r and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.

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Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,  
holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,  
holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 296

*Engelberg*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more  
*Courtney Steinberg, soprano*

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;  
and our despair he turns to blazing joy. Alleluia!

2. We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we shared with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

3. The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

4. A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe restored and whole will sing. Alleluia! Amen.

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.*  
*Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt. Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then 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?" He 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and 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. Some 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They 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?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Jackie Whitfield

The Nicene Creed

*Officiant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Celebrant: How shall we repay the Lord for all the good God has done? Let us offer the prayers of our hearts, saying, “Stay with us, Lord Jesus; *and set our hearts on fire.*”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us by your own precious blood. Once again, as a holy community, we place our faith and hope in you. *Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

People: **And set our hearts on fire.**

Celebrant: Save us, O Lord, from corruption. Deliver the nations and peoples from greed and hatred. Place in your children hearts of repentance. *Silence.*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

People: **And set our hearts on fire.**

Celebrant: O Lord, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts. We pray a blessing on the seeds that were sown this spring that the harvest might be bountiful.

*The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

People: **And set our hearts on fire.**

Celebrant: O Lord, you are made known in the breaking of bread and so we pray for those who lack bread. We pray for those who are hungry. You feed us generously at your table. Help us to generously feed the world. *Silence.*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

People: **And set our hearts on fire.**



Celebrant: Whenever we call upon you, gracious Lord, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy, those who are responding to this pandemic, and those who are providing care to those who are suffering. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

People: **And set our hearts on fire.**

Celebrant: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. We trust you with those who have died and those who are dying. Jesus, be gracious with them, we pray. *Silence.*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

People: **And set our hearts on fire.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 180

He is risen, he is risen!

*Unser Herrscher*

1. He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

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Voluntary

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*Brian Sapp-Moore, organ*

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## Prayers for the Parish

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Prayers have been requested for: Jennifer, Pat, Rae, Robert, Sal, and Stephen.

We also offer special prayers for protection and strength for those working in healthcare. We pray for their beloved families and the difficult decisions that have to be made as they navigate the tensions of dangerous work and home concerns.

## Grapevine | News from the Parish

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Due to the pandemic, our Parish Weekend in June at Kanuga is cancelled. We expect to reschedule our weekend sometime in the next 1-2 years when we can all safely attend. For those who have registered, you will receive an email directly from Kanuga about their very flexible options for a refund, donation, or credit for a future date. Please contact [Mark Robinson](#) with any questions or concerns.

We offer thanksgiving for the birth of Michael Elliot Hollopeter, son of Noah and Whitney Hollopeter, grandson of Warren and Janet Hollopeter, on Wednesday, April 15.

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Jane Stricker Bahn, sister-in-law of Rebecca Bahn, who entered into the Resurrection on Monday, April 6.

## Giving

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Thank you for your compassionate generosity. There are many ways to continue giving. You can mail your check, use the "bill pay" function of your mobile banking, give online by [clicking here](#), or use text giving (To give to the General Fund, text SAINTS to 73256. To give to the Assistance Fund, text SAINTS ASSISTANCE to 73256. To give to the Memorial Fund, text SAINTS

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