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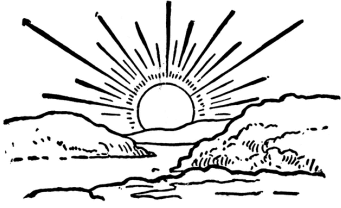
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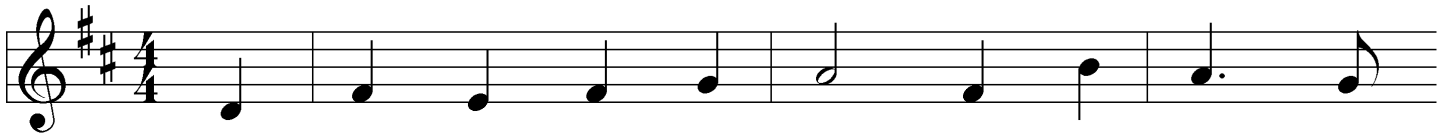
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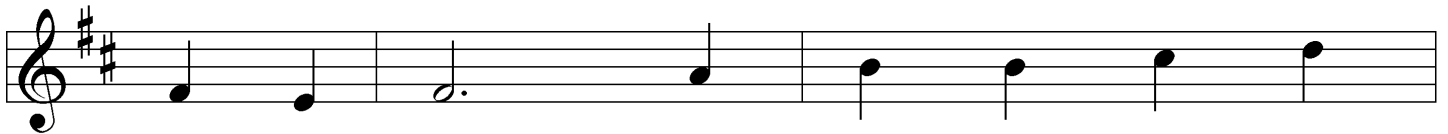
Hope restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ.

HYMN 333

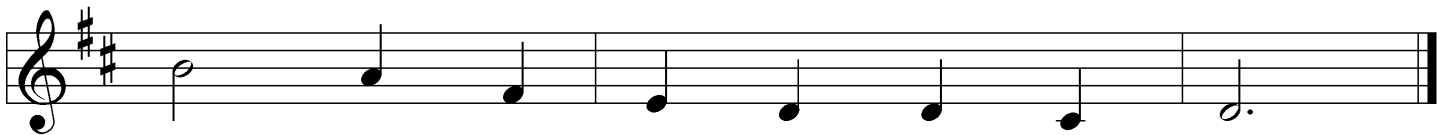
"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not
with your Word And thus now and here -
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

**C: Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: **Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;
have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 24:10-21

After his arrest at the temple, Paul stood before the Sanhedrin. The session erupted into a brawl when Paul asserted his belief in the resurrection, a divisive issue for Pharisees and Sadducees. We hold to the ancient hope of Scripture: the resurrection of the dead.

¹⁰ When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied, "Because I know that you have been a judge over this nation for many years, I gladly make my defense. ¹¹ You can verify for yourself that it was no more than twelve days ago when I went up to worship at Jerusalem. ¹² They did not find me arguing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. ¹³ And they cannot prove to you the accusations they are now making against me.

¹⁴ "But I do confess to you that I worship the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything written throughout the Law and in the Prophets; ¹⁵ and I have the same hope in God that these men have, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. ¹⁶ This is the reason I continue to do my best to have a clear conscience toward both God and people.



¹⁷ "After several years, I came to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. ¹⁸ While I was doing these things, they found me ceremonially purified in the temple, without a crowd or disturbance. ¹⁹ But there are some Jews from the province of Asia who ought to be here before you and bring charges, if they have anything against me.

²⁰ Or let these men here state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin, ²¹ unless this is about the one thing I shouted while standing in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 67

Refrain

Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

Trials and grief try to choke out our hope. But how empty life would be if we followed the way of the world! Our hope is restored when we remember that one day we will join our Savior in our heavenly home. Until that day, we live in this world as strangers who are focused on going home.

¹⁷ If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸ because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



VERSE OF THE DAY



Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Note: The events of this lesson precede last Sunday's lesson.

For these two disciples on the road, it was a day of great puzzlement, sadness, and disillusionment. Our Lord addresses the problem by explaining all the Scriptures that showed the Christ had to die and rise. They marveled at how he opened the Scriptures to them and restored that hope!

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!



¹³ Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped.

¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked them.

They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹ But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

²² Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³ When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."



So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them.

³¹ Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burn-

ing within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

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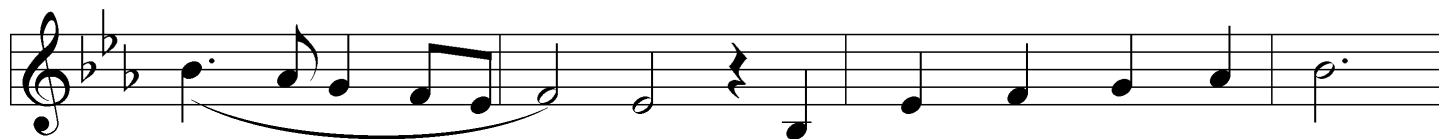


HYMN OF THE DAY 160

"This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



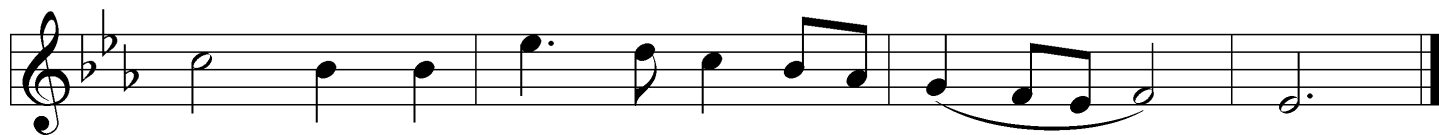
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

STAND

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

During this time of not meeting together physically, you can mail your offering to the church address or call Pastor to drop it off at church.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

BE SEATED



HYMN 144

"Christ is Arisen"

Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark pris - on.

We now re - joice with glad - ness; Christ will end all sad - ness.

Lord, have mer - cy. All our hopes were end - ed

Had Je - sus not as - cend - ed From the grave tri - um - phant - ly.

For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be. Lord, have mer - cy.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! We now re - joice with glad - ness;

Christ will end all sad - ness. Lord, have mer - cy.

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN (PM) Latin melody, c. 1100, alt.

STAND

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

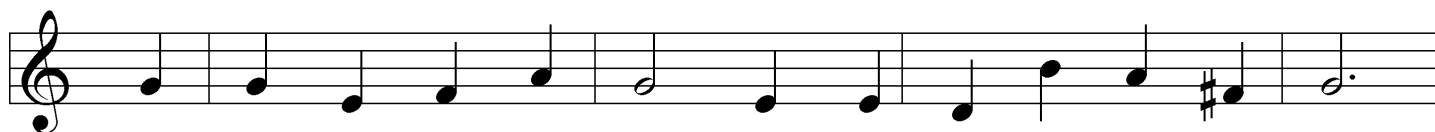
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN 166 "The Day of Resurrection"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Hope Restored

God's Word for Today



The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. God restored this ancient hope by raising Jesus from the dead and pointing his people back to his promises.

First Lesson (Acts 24:10-21)

1. How was the resurrection of Christ central to the issue that faced Paul?

Second Lesson (1 Peter 1:17-21)

2. Why does Peter encourage us to live as "strangers" while here on this earth?

Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)

3. Why do you think Jesus didn't reveal his identity to the Emmaus disciples?
4. They had just told Jesus not to go on because of the approaching night. But once Jesus revealed himself, why did they quickly go back to Jerusalem?
5. What lessons can we learn from the account of the Emmaus disciples?


Answers:

1. Paul is on trial in Caesarea before Governor Felix. The Sanhedrin had hired the lawyer Tertullus to accuse Paul of leading the Nazarene sect. In Paul's reply to Tertullus he asserts that Christianity is no sect, but agrees with all that is written in the Law and the Prophets. It is the Pharisees and the Sadducees that abandoned Scripture and became a sect without hope. We hold to the ancient hope of Scripture: the resurrection of the dead.
2. It will always be a temptation for Christians to set their hearts on what they can see – material things, institutions, approval from others, etc. It is a lifelong struggle to learn that everything visible is perishable while what is not seen has lasting value. As Christians, we need to remember that we live in tents – temporary settings – because we are not yet home.
3. It gave the disciples the chance to openly confess their unbelieving doubts. Jesus was providing them the opportunity to learn from him again as he reviewed what the Scriptures had to say about the Messiah.
4. Their hearts were burning within them. They couldn't keep the joy of this wonderful message to themselves, so they had to tell the others in Jerusalem.
5. For these two disciples on the road, it was a day of great puzzlement, sadness, and disillusionment. They had heard the report of the women and Peter and John. But their understanding of God's plan of salvation was deficient: they weren't expecting a resurrection! Our gracious Lord came and identified the problem: they did not believe all that the prophets had spoken, only those parts of Scripture that met their preconceived notions of what the Messiah should be. Our Lord addressed the problem by explaining all the Scriptures that showed the Christ had to die and rise. They marveled at how he opened the Scriptures to them and restored that ancient hope!

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We may not be physically in the office every day, but we are
still here for each of you.**

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**Things are changing at a very rapid pace and we will do our
best to keep everyone informed of any changes to our
cancellations.**

A scenic sunset over a lake with mountains in the background and trees in the foreground. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and red clouds, reflecting on the calm water. The silhouettes of trees and mountains are visible against the bright sky.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25:5

