

## Easter Season Worship (3 Easter)

### **Song: Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, Thine own may I be  
Thou in me dwelling and I one with Thee

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven when victory is won  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

***Celebrant:*** Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

***People:*** The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

***Celebrant:*** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Song of Praise: Glory to God**

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest

And peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father

We worship you, we give you thanks

We praise you for your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord

You alone are the Most High

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father

Amen

### **Collect of the Day:**

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.

### **First Reading:** A reading from the Book of Acts

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.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

### **The 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!

**The Epistle: A Reading from First Peter**

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. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through 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.

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. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

**Song: O Praise the Name (Anastasis)**

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet, my Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise his name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third, at break of dawn the Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the king

[chorus]

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed by Jesus' face

[chorus]

### **A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

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.

*Glory to you Lord Christ*

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you Lord Christ*

### **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

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

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

### **Prayers of the People Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,



your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

#### **Song: Christ is Risen**

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely you've bled for us

Christ is risen from the dead trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with him again  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin you bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down  
In strength you reign, forever let your church proclaim

[chorus]

O death where is your sting? O hell where is your victory?

O church come stand in the light; the glory of God has defeated the night

O death where is your sting? O hell where is your victory?

O church come stand in the light; Our God is not dead, he's alive, he's alive!

[chorus]

**Dismissal**