

After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost

LOVE RESTORED

Third Sunday of Easter | April 19, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

By the Sea of Galilee, Jesus meets His disciples once again—not with condemnation, but with grace. He restores Peter after his failure of denying Him, not once, but three times, and calls him to a renewed purpose. The good news in this is that Jesus does not leave us in our failures.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

“Hello, My Name Is”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent time for personal reflection on God's Word

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: We confess to You that we are slow to place our full trust in You. We've sometimes wondered whether Your promises are real. We allow ourselves to forget that we are Your children. We've gone our own directions in our thoughts, in our actions, and in the things we say.

Forgive our sins, dear Father, for Jesus' sake. Open our hearts that we may trust and believe that You will accomplish amazing works to make known the blessings of Your Kingdom in our Savior Jesus. Thank you for calling us Your children through Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WE SING

“God Really Loves Us”

PRAYER

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3: 19-26

¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. ²⁰ I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. ²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” ²⁵ The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to His disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

¹¹Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"Restored and Commissioned"

Pastor Doug Slavens

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD – Prayers of the Church

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

WE SING "Who Am I"
 "You Say"

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE CLOSING BLESSING

WE SING "Yes He Can"

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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