

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 West Anderson Lane - Austin, Texas 78752

Called by grace, led by faith, welcoming all to share God's love.

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



APRIL 19, 2026

✠ *You are invited to make the sign of the cross*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Alex Chacon

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Pr. Ray Hagan presiding

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITION TEAM**

**GATHERING SONG** *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* + ELW 377

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** *(responses in bold type)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

Therefore, upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GREETING**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *This Is the Feast* + ELW Setting Four, page 149

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING** *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

...Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has <sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup> supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given <sup>1</sup> ear to me  
whenever <sup>1</sup> er I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup> came upon me;  
I came to <sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, <sup>1</sup> save my life."**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- <sup>1</sup> pay the Lord  
for all the good things God has <sup>1</sup> done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup <sup>1</sup> of salvation  
and call on the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the Lord  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your <sup>1</sup> sight, O Lord,  
is the death <sup>1</sup> of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I <sup>1</sup> am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me <sup>1</sup> from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the Lord  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of <sup>1</sup> the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING** *1 Peter 1:17-23*

...Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** *(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks* + WOV 671

**GOSPEL** *Luke 24:13-35*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord...**

...The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** *(Please stand following)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* + ELW 539

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(see insert)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation...

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer** ... God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

**PEACE** *(Please be seated following)*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GATHERING OF OFFERING** *Special Music* + Bellissimo

**OFERTORY** *Blessing, Honor, and Glory* + ELW 433

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...** It is indeed right...

...and join their unending hymn... *(Holy, Holy, Holy + ELW Setting 4, p153)*

...Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(Please be seated following)*

**SONGS DURING COMMUNION**

*Lamb of God* + ELW Setting Four, page 154

*Day of Arising* + ELW 374

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* + ELW 479

**TABLE BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

May God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.** *(Please stand for the sending song)*

**SENDING SONG** *With High Delight Let Us Unite* + ELW 368

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** Alex Chacon

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>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?” <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>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?” <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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.

<sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

## PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

Pr. Ray Hagan, *presiding minister*

Terry Neal, *liturgist*

JoAnn Gerbig, *music director*

Michael Harrison, *cantor*

Alex Chacon, *pianist*

## INSTALLED TODAY AS MEMBERS OF THE TRANSITION TEAM

Keith Davis

William Errett

Valerie Johnson

Angelica Lundquist

Terry Neal

Jill Roefer

## *Gospel continued*

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>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?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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