



Sunday, April 26, 2020; The third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Greeting

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Holy and Gracious God, we are scattered today as we worship. We are scattered from our church buildings and from our church family and friends. Often during this time we feel scattered of mind, body. Forgive us for the ways we act when we are scattered. Help us to center on you. Help us to breathe fresh air and know your peace. Help us to find our home in the midst of the scattering. During this strangest of Easter seasons, keep us mindful that we are a resurrection people. Scattered in place for growth and love.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn #188 "Christ is the World's Light"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn (insert) "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Offering

Musical Offering "Love With Us"
Ben Grace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon and Scripture

Acts 1:1-14

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, 2 right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen.

3 After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. 4 While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: 5 John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

7 Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

9 After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. 11 They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus' son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James' son— 14 all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

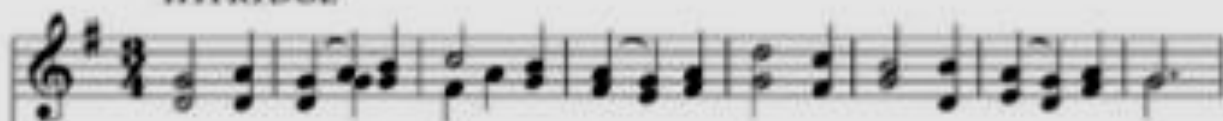
Closing Hymn #308

"Thine Be the Glory"

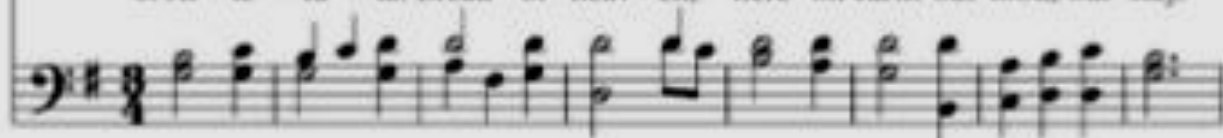
Blessing

180 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

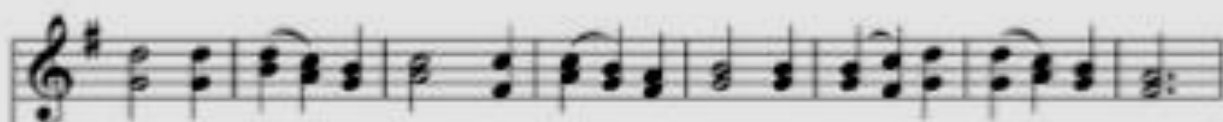
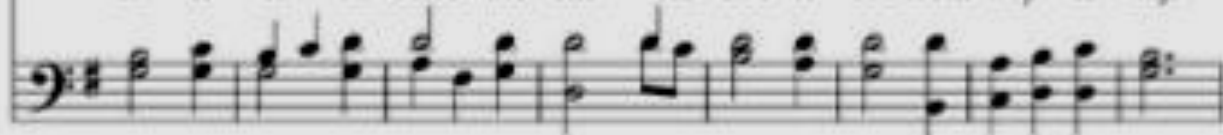
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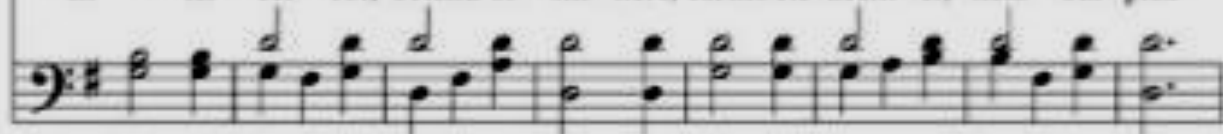
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, His the throne.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now.
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our food, our stay.



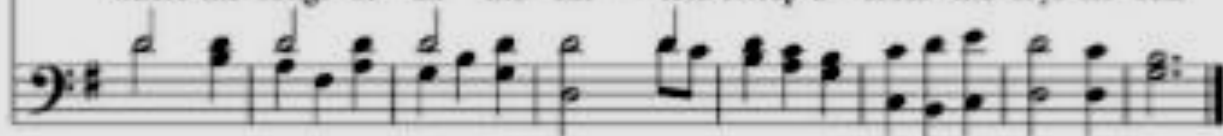
Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to You from day to day.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea



"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deem - ed us by His blood."
 shall our hearts for - get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.





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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:		
May 3	Church at Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thess. 1:1-10
May 10	Church at Corinth	Acts 18:1-4 1 Cor. 1:10-18
May 17	Faith, Hope and Love	1 Cor. 13:1-13

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Acts 1:15-20

The Fate of Judas

Tue. Acts 1:21-26

The addition of Matthias

Wed. Acts 2:1-13

Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

Thu. Acts 2:14-21

Peter Preaches

Fri. Acts 2:37-42

Repentance and Baptism

Sat. Acts 2:43-47

Life in the Early Church

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- ◇ **Highs and Lows:** Name one thing you saw today that made you happy. Name one thing you saw that made you sad.
- ◇ **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** Jesus ascends to heaven. But before he does, he sends out the disciples with the expectation that they will share God’s love with others and tell his story of salvation. Name one way you will share God’s love with others today.
- ◇ **Getting Ready For Next Week’s Story:** Who in your office, class, or home is sick today? Say a prayer for healing for each person named.

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This week's Connections Schedule:

Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study

Tuesday at 12:00-12:15 — Devotional

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 — Youth Zoom

Thursday 12:00-12:30 — Prayer

Evening Bible Study—TBD

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