

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Jesus Appears to His Disciples  
Imre Morocz, 2009

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"This is the Joyous Day"  
"Be still and know that I am God."  
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

BACH  
*Psalm 46:10*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP  
MINUTE FOR MISSION: Migrant Bags

PASSING THE PEACE      "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

*Matthew 25:35b*  
**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Who is this God we have come to worship?

**God is the Creator of all.**

The creator of birds and trees, wind and sea?

**God is the Creator of all things seen and unseen.**

Then let us worship the God of our risen Savior, the God of all creation, and the God of all things great and small.

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST KEVIN

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. **Praise be to God that we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)  
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 3:12-19 (Unison)

**When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.**

**"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLES: I John 3:1-7

These words are trustworthy and true.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHORAL ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

POORMAN

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

"Disbelief, Joy, Doubt"

## **THE RESPONSE**

\*HYMN 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Passacaglia"

ANDRE RAISON

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You"

POSTLUDE

"Chant Heroique"