



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

THE IDENTITY
OF THE KING

Sunday | March 27, 2016

THE KING OF LIFE

Easter Sunday

"Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
Bestowing life!"

Ancient Byzantine Rite

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

*Third Church exists to spread the gospel and seek
the Shalom of metro Richmond and the world through
a movement of communities and congregations,
welcoming people of all cultures to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ upon this day, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your Kingdom on the last Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prelude

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" – Jeff Hummel
(Robert Hobby)

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

"Enemy of Death" – Sanctuary Choir
(Ron Klipp)
(See text on following page.)

† *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

ENEMY OF DEATH

Now Jairus had a daughter, ailin' and a-fixin' to die.
He went and found him Jesus, as Jesus was a-passin' by.
But before He could get free o' the crowd, a man came up and said:
"Don't you bother the Teacher now. Your one and only daughter is dead."

He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
To the dead He has said, "Rise up from your bed, take yourself a brand new breath."
He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
Oh, Death, meet the King: where is your sting?
Jesus is the Enemy o' Death.

Now Jesus said, "Stop your wailin'. Don't ya fret and don't ya weep."
Jesus had the nerve to say, "The child has only fallen asleep."
But they laughed at how He got it wrong; they thought He'd made a big mistake.
Then Jesus took her by the hand and said, "My child, awake!"

He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
To the dead He has said, "Rise up from your bed, take yourself a brand new breath."
He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
Oh, Death, meet the King: where is your sting?
Jesus is the Enemy o' Death.

We killed Him and we laid Him in the grave,
And Death won the battle, they say.
But Death could not contain the life He gave.
He rose up from the dead, and won the war that day!

He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
To the dead He has said, "Rise up from your bed, take yourself a brand new breath."
He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
Oh, Death, meet the King: where is your sting?
Jesus is the Enemy o' Death.

† **Acclamation**

From Luke 24:1-6

Leader: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Everyone: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news:
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!
By death he trampled Death;
and to those in the tomb he has granted life forever!

Everyone: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Opening Prayer

† **Hymns/Songs of Praise**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" – #234 in the Hymnal

"You Are Good"

(See music on following pages.)

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

YOU ARE GOOD



Lord, You are good and Your mer-cy_ en-dur-eth for - ev - er._



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wor - ship You,____ hal - le- lu - jah, hal - le- lu - jah, we



wor - ship You____ for who you_ are.____ For you are_ good!

The Apostles' Creed

We remember and speak the beautiful story of our historic faith.

Leader: We believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

**Everyone: We believe that on the third day he rose again from the dead.
Hallelujah! He is risen!**

Leader: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He is coming again to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic [universal] church,
The communion of saints, and the forgiveness of sins.

**Everyone: We believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Because he lives, we too shall live.
He is risen! Hallelujah!**



Greeting of Peace

We celebrate that Jesus' risen life has made us into a new community.

Testimony of Resurrection Life (video)

Congregational Prayer

God invites us to bring our needs and burdens to him.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you that on Easter morning you triumphed over death for us! We thank you that though we often find ourselves in places of death and darkness, you always bring us out into abundant life.

People: We praise you, Risen Lord!

Leader: Have mercy on us in all the many ways we are still in bondage to sin, which keeps us in bondage to death. Deliver us from the patterns of our lives that hurt others and ourselves. Deliver us from the dark motivations of our hearts that poison even the good we do with self-centeredness and pride. Deliver us from the evil that seeks to undo us.

People: Forgive us, Risen Lord!

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you reign over heaven and earth and are at work in the world through your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on all those who are suffering and struggling under the shadow of death. Heal those who are sick, set free those who are oppressed, comfort those in sorrow, and touch those facing death with the liberating news of your risen life. Use us to be the presence of your risen life to others.

People: Save us, Risen Lord!

Leader: On this Easter morning, we anticipate the day when you will come again and make all things new. Bring your Shalom to metro Richmond. Bring your Shalom to our nation. Bring your Shalom to the nations. May the power of your resurrection transform our death-scarred world into the new creation!

People: Come quickly, Risen Lord!

Everyone: Alleluia! He is risen!

† Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" – #254 in the Hymnal

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the words of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

Our Offerings

We respond to God's rich grace by giving of ourselves for his work in the world.

Pray for Inspire International, founders David and Nalini Singh, and Director Nisha Grant as they seek to create caring communities of faith among unreached people groups in Northern India that teach the word of God, promote literacy, alleviate poverty, and bring hope. They seek to make the Bible available, accessible and affordable to people groups in India in their own languages.

Musical Offering

"Hallelujah" – Sanctuary Choir
(Beethoven)

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim his grace and glory; hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!

† Doxology

Please stand as we sing to the Lord.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:40-56

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." ⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
 when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand,
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

† Commission and Benediction

Leader: Go forth in joy to love and serve our living Lord in all that you do.

People: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ!

Leader: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

† Choral Benediction and Postlude

"Hallelujah!" – Sanctuary Choir
(Handel)

SERVICE NOTES

Ring your bells! During Lent we refrained from saying or singing "Alleluia" during our worship services. This morning, whenever we say or sing "Alleluia," we're asking everyone to ring bells in celebration of the risen King!

After the service, elders are available at the front left of the Sanctuary if you desire prayer for healing, for direction, to begin or renew your relationship with Jesus Christ, or for any other need.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Dru Fitch, Charles Ellison, Susan Godfrey, Mark Koontz, Bill and Ann Nell Jackson, Nancy Cunningham, Joe and June Keller, Vickie O'Dell, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Eileen Raynor, Pam Padgett, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt, Celeste Reynolds, Gretchen Gravely, Pam Rambo

For Comfort

Deaths – John Dean, Gayle Mellis, Jessica Cochrane (wife, mother and grandmother June Dean, 3/7), Ann Kooiman (grandson, 3/5), Jack Martin (brother, 3/2), Jim Olson (mother, 2/13), Steve Middleton (father, 2/6), Vi Gresham (1/18), Cecilia Elliott (father, 1/14)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

For Our Nation and the World – Niger

Located in West Africa, Niger is a former French colony that gained independence in 1960. Its population of 18 million people is growing rapidly due to Niger having one of the highest birthrates in the world. It also is Africa's poorest nation and ranks at the bottom of the UN's development index.

- The Eglise Evangelique de la République du Niger (EERN) is a national church that has over 6,000 worshippers attending its services. Pray for the EERN's bold evangelistic vision to train and place new evangelists in 50 districts.
- Niger's people speak Hausa, French and other tribal languages. Pray for missionary and indigenous outreach efforts to take the Gospel to the Tuaregs, Songhai, Fulani and other peoples.
- Pray for Niger's Bible schools and other training centers to teach, train and equip Christians for discipleship and ministry.

For Our Nation and the World – Missionary Prayer and Care groups meet monthly to pray for our mission partners in Europe, Asia and the Muslim world. Contact Carolyn Oakley (cdoakley1@gmail.com/937-6564) to learn more.

Welcome Coffee – Sunday, April 3, 9:45 – 11:00 a.m., Parlor

If you're new to Third, come to this monthly gathering to meet a few people, learn about Third's vision, what we believe and how to get involved. Questions? Contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org).

Newcomers Class – April 14-17, Fellowship Hall

Ready to explore a deeper commitment to Third? We'd love to provide you an opportunity to learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach. At the end of the class, you can decide if God is calling you to membership at Third. To sign up, visit: thirdrva.org/newcomers or contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org.

Mosaic Ministry: Adoption Panel – Sunday, April 10, 10:00 a.m., Room 217

The Mosaic Ministry is hosting an Adoption Panel where several Third families will share about their adoption journey. Come hear their experiences of God's faithfulness in fulfilling their families. The talk will be held in Room 217 during the 10:00 Sunday school hour. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact Charlotte Gage (charlotte.jean.gage@gmail.com).

Biblical Peacemaking Class – April 22-23 and April 29-30, 500 Forest Avenue

This peacemaking course trains believers how to live in peace in relationships with one another and in the world. It provides the foundational principles of establishing and maintaining peaceful relationships. The class takes place over two weekends, April 22-23 and April 29-30, on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more info, visit thirdrva.org/events or contact Margie at RelationshipsInPeace.ThirdRVA@gmail.com.

NEWS & EVENTS

Makers Series: Other - Friday, April 8, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for the next installment of the Makers Series, as we explore how the written, visual, and musical arts help us recognize the strangeness of those around us and the mystery of our Creator, even as we are called to draw close to both. Coffee and refreshments available.

Women's Ministry Morning of Service: April 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We'll meet for coffee and a group devotional at the church, then break into smaller service groups on and off-site. There are a wide variety of options from serving existing mission partners to some non-profits and local groups. Sign up online (thirdrva.org/registrations) or pick up a form from around the church.

Weekly Prayer and Communion Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m., Room 101

Each Sunday we hold a weekly gathering of prayer for our congregation and other prayer needs that may arise. This is also a time to receive healing prayer. Communion is also served on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th (and 5th) Sundays. Please join us next week.

Relationships in Peace Ministry

If you are experiencing a relationship impasse or need someone to walk beside you through a difficult relational situation or conflict, please contact us. We're here to help. Visit www.thirdrva.org/partners/relationships-in-peace. For assistance: RelationshipsInPeace. thirdrva@gmail.com or call Margie Satterfield, (804) 819-0260.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Stop by the Fellowship Hall between 9:00-11:30 a.m. this morning for Blanchard's coffee, snacks, and an opportunity to meet folks at Third or learn more about getting involved.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Discipleship Fellowship Classes

In observance of Easter, some of our Sunday school classes will not be meeting. The following classes will continue to meet this morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please join us for one of the classes today, or join us next week when the rest of our classes reconvene.

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

The Spirituality of Brokenness (formerly Grace and Addiction)

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

If you want more information, have any questions about the classes, or want to get in touch with the leaders, visit www.thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship, or contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Ministry: Join us each Sunday for food, great teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.

600 Forest Ave., Student Ministry Area

10:30 - 11:30 a.m for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday Evening Ministry: Be a part of games, music and teaching and amazing small group community each Sunday night.

Note: Student Ministry activities are cancelled this week for Easter.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

We welcome you to Third and want you to know that your children are precious to us! Our staff of both professional childcare workers and volunteers are here to serve your family in a safe, loving and Christ-centered environment.

8:00, 9:15, and 11:45 a.m. services – Childcare available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

10:30 a.m. service – Sunday school for children ages 2 and older. Nursery available for infants and toddlers. For details on all Sunday school class offerings, pick up the Winter and Spring class brochure found near the doors.

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. The service is streamed into Room 124 which is located in the connecting hall across from the toddler Room 105.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship classes – see page 18

Monday, March 28, Church office closed

7:00 p.m. Asia prayer and care group meeting – at the home of Dave and Judy Skove,
10809 N. Bank Road, 23238, 741-5441.

Wednesday, March 30

6:45 p.m. Alleluia choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, March 31

7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Friday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Easter Lilies for 2016
The following members and friends of
Third have provided the lilies for
the worship services.

Ann M. Allen and the family of Jeff and Linda Allen, in memory of Orville Duane Allen.

Jim and Liz Slate, in memory of our loved ones.

Jim and Liz Slate, in celebration of our family.

Rob and Kathie Cox, in memory of Mr. Walter Scott Cox, II.

Rob and Kathie Cox, in memory of Mrs. Priscilla Ford Tennent.

Rob and Kathie Cox, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Beverly Tennent.

Kay Martine, in memory of Roy Martine.

Sarah Winfield, in loving memory of her parents, Jean and Bob Winfield.

Agnes Smith, in memory of her husband, Doug Smith.

Lauren Earley, to the glory of God.

Cortney, Clayton and Josie Allen, in memory of Aunt Jeanie Cross.

Anne Elam, in memory of her mother, Doris Stitt Wooten.

Marlene and Gary Short, in memory of our mothers, Alpha Fess and Martha Short.

Marlene and Gary Short, in memory of Marlene's brother, Steve Keister.

Ann Kooiman, in memory of those from the church and others who have passed away
this year and in memory of Matt Hewlett, Frazier Hewlett and Ann's husband,
Neal Kooiman.

Ann Green, in memory of her husband, Francis Green.

Cathy and Tom Tullidge, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Tullidge.

Cathy and Tom Tullidge, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Brant.

Cathy Tullidge, in honor of our circle leader, Joyce Koontz.

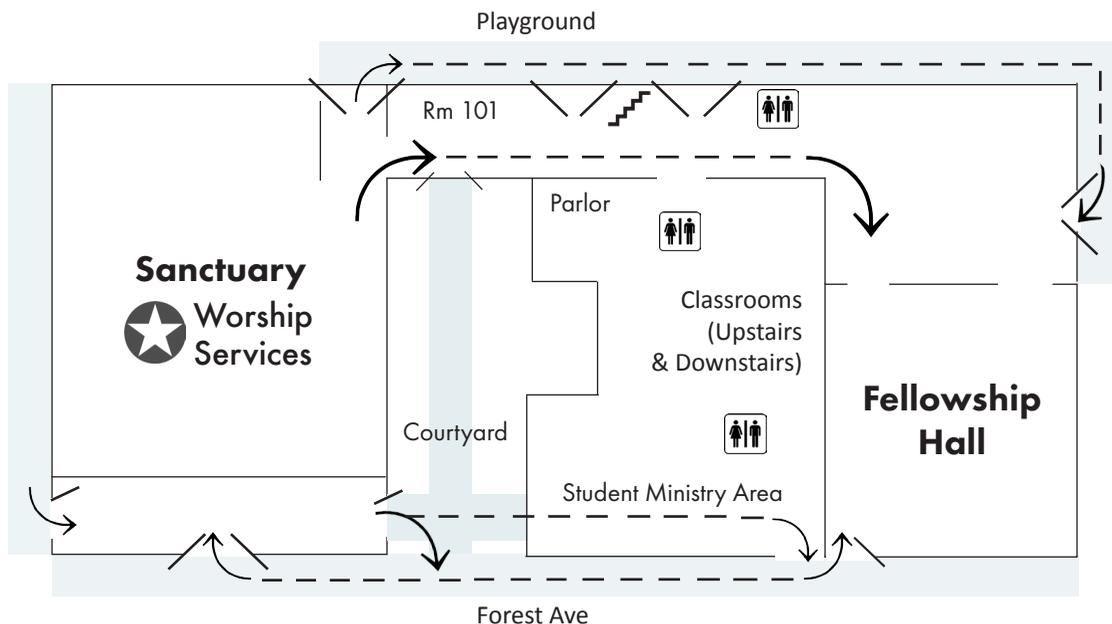
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. We have a couple opportunities to connect with us, and help you find out more about Third.

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- Visit our website: thirdrva.org.
- Questions? Want to speak with someone? Contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org or by calling 282-6465.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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