

A Service of the Word – Sunday April 26, 2020

O: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

O: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

O: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

All: Alleluia!

O: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Alleluia!

O: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a human came death, by a human has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

All: Alleluia!

O: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

All: O come, let us worship.

Welcome

O: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn – CP 474 – Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

O: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

O: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise – CP 509 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

The Collect of the Day

O: Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

O: Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' 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?' 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. 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.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

O: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

O: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

O: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

O: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

All: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

O: You have loosed my bonds.

All: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

O: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17–23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gradual Hymn: CP 632 – The King of Glory Comes

Gospel: Luke 24:13–35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 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?' 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to

them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

O: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship Hymn: CP 578 – O Healing River

(sung in response to the prayers below)

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

O: My sisters and brothers gathered in the glow of the resurrection, let us pray together for the people of every race and nation as we sing;

All: O healing river, send down your waters, send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.

O: For the church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the great fifty days of Easter we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.

All: O healing river ...

O: For pastors, teachers, and ministers, especially our bishop Todd, our metropolitan, Anne, and our Primate Linda, that they recognize the risen Christ in Word and Sacrament and lead your church with wisdom, humility, and courage;

All: O healing river ...

O: For the governments of the world and its leaders, especially our Prime Minister, Justin, our Premier, Doug, and our Mayor, Drew, that they may resist the corruption of sin and serve the common good;

All: O healing river ...

O: For our planet Earth, that all people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

All: O healing river ...

O: For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge and hope, and that the church may offer the hospitality the first disciple offered to Jesus on the road to Emmaus;

All: O healing river ...

O: For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life;

All: O healing river ...

O: For our neighbours, that we may live together in peace and share in our resources;

All: O healing river ...

O: For our enemies, that they may receive good things, and that we, your servants, not return evil for evil;

All: O healing river, send down your waters, send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground.

O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, send your waters down

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, let the deep souls nourish, let the tall stalks rise.

O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, from out of the skies.

O: Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit make us witnesses to the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP 239 – Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

O: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Lord's Prayer

O: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Doxology

O: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

O: May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life bless and keep you.

Closing Hymn: CP 231 – That Eastertide with Joy was Bright

Dismissal

O: Go in the joy of resurrection: purify your souls; be obedient to the truth; be genuine in love, through the living and enduring Word of God.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Join us each week as long as we are needing to worship in this form. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership.

Please watch your emails and Facebook for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this challenging time.

Please be in touch with your priest should you need pastoral care. While we need to be mindful of space and contact, we are all still available to offer support during this time.

Remember to be in touch with your church family via phone during this time. We all need each other and isolation can be as harmful as an illness.

Your continued financial support remains needed so that the church can continue it's ministry in the wider world. Please mail your contributions to the church, get signed up for pre-authorized givings, or visit the Canada Helps Page for your parish:

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Your feedback on worship today and in the coming weeks is welcome. Please connect with us with your constructive feedback.

Easter III – Sunday April 26, 2020 – Hymn Sheet

Opening Hymn – CP 474 – Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

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| 1. Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,
There they behold Thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,
With grace and mercy to abound. | 2. For Thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come,
And going, take Thee to their home. | 3. Lord, we are few, but Thou art near;
Nor short Thine arm, nor deaf Thine ear;
Oh, rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make our waiting hearts Thine own. |
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Hymn of Praise – CP 509 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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| 1. Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home | 2. When my way grows drear
precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home | 3. When the darkness appears
and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home |
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Gradual Hymn: CP 632 – The King of Glory Comes

Refrain The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory; What shall we call him? He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *refrain*
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among his people, curing their illness. *refrain*
3. He gave his life for us, the Lamb of salvation; he took upon himself the sin of the nations. *refrain*
4. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen. And he will share with us his heavenly vision. *refrain*

Worship Hymn: CP 578 – O Healing River – *The lyrics for this hymn are built into the service booklet.*

Offertory Hymn: CP 239 – Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now Can, O Death, no more appall us; Jesus lives! by this we know Thou, O Grave, canst not enthrall us. Hallelujah!
2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death but the gate of Life immortal; This shall calm our trembling breath, When we pass its gloomy portal. Hallelujah!
3. Jesus lives! for us He died; Then alone to Jesus living, Pure in heart may we abide, Glory to our Savior giving. Hallelujah!
4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well, Naught from us His love shall sever; Life, nor death, nor powers of hell, Tear us from His keeping ever. Hallelujah!

Closing Hymn: CP 231 – That Eastertide with Joy was Bright

1. That Eastertide with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light, Alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
2. His bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide; Alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain, their Lord was risen again. Alleluia, alleluia!
3. From every weapon death can yield, thy own redeemed forever shield Alleluia, alleluia!
O, Lord of all with us abide, in this our joyful Easter-tide. Alleluia, alleluia!
4. Jesus, the King of gentleness, do thou thyself out hearts possess, Alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give thee all our days the tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia, alleluia!