

Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2020



PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All: **let heaven and earth rejoice! Alleluia!**

SONG Open the eyes of my heart Words & Music: Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord / Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You, I want to see You [x2]

Chorus To see You high and lifted up /
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing, Holy, holy, holy

Bridge Holy, holy, holy / We sing, Holy, holy, holy
 holy, holy, holy / I want to see You

Words of Welcome

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

CONFESSION

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend
what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do
justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116:1-7

Psalm 116:1-7 *read responsively*

1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my
supplication;*

because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

**2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell
took hold of me;* by grief and sorrow was I held.**

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:*

'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;*
our God is full of compassion.**

5 The Lord watches over the simple;*

I was brought very low and he saved me.

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**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,*
for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

7 For you have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NIV) *Peter addresses the crowd at Pentecost*
2:14a Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and
addressed the crowd: 36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this:
God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and
Messiah." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we
do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in
the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you
will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and
your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our
God will call." 40 With many other words he warned them; and he
pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three
thousand were added to their number that day.
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE

A Song of the New Creation

All: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert

1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.'

2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,

3 'Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.

4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

5 'I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ♦ to give drink to my chosen people,

6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15,16,18,19,20c,21

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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SECOND READING

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV) *On the road to Emmaus*

24:¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they

found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."
³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.
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CANTICLE

The Benedictus

All: **Refrain: The Lord is risen from the tomb, who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, 
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, 
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old 
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, 
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: 
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, 
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, 
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation 
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God 
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All: **Refrain: The Lord is risen from the tomb, who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

SERMON

Guest Preacher: The Revd Dr Drew Longacre

SONG See what a morning *Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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, →**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Additional prayers may be offered, and this response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN How great Thou Art Words (trans fr Russian) & Music: Stuart K Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

THE GRACE

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
 be with us all evermore. Amen**

DISMISSAL

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

