

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**26th April 2020**  
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**The Greeting**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Hymn**

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is ris'n for ay;  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

**Prayers of Penitence**

**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*

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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.  
**All Amen.**

**The Collect**

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.

**All Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

**Acts 2:14a, 31-36**

14 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. 36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

37 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?' 38 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. 39 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.' 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' 41 So those who welcomed his

message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Read by Rev'd Ann Wood

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 18Then 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?' 19He 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, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But 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. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and 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. 24Some 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.' 25Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But 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. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They 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?' 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon The Revd Adam Thomas**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**Lead by Rev'd David and Jane Hirst**

Lord, in your mercy

*All Hear our prayer.*

*All Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ.*

**Amen**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All and also with you.*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

We'll walk the land with hearts on fire,  
and every step will be a prayer.

Hope is rising, new day dawning,  
sound of singing fills the air.

Two thousand years and still the flame  
is burning bright across the land.

Hearts are waiting, longing aching,  
for awakening once again.

Let the flame burn brighter,  
in the heart of darkness,  
turning night to glorious day.

Let the song grow louder,  
as our love grow stronger.

Let it shine! Let it shine!

We'll walk for truth, speak out for love,  
in Jesus' name we shall be strong;  
to lift the fallen, to save the children,  
to fill the nation with your song.

Let the flame burn brighter,  
in the heart of darkness,  
turning night to glorious day.

Let the song grow louder,  
as our love grow stronger.

Let it shine! Let it shine! [2]

### **Offertory Prayer**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,

we believe you, and all we have heard is true.

When you break bread may we recognize you  
as the fire that burns within us,

that we may bring light to your world.

**Amen.**

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of  
your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of  
all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of you glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his  
command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for  
you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and  
glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our  
Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All*     **Dying you destroyed our death,  
          rising you restored our life:  
          Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and  
heaven, we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:  
*All Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our  
Saviour Christ has taught us.

**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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
*All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

#### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to  
his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the  
eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all  
his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

*All Amen.*

*All say*

**Father of all,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus  
Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and  
bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Then follows the Diocesan Prayer*

**Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for  
us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to  
grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your  
vision, ears to hear the prompting of your  
Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps  
of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

## Blessing Dismissal and Final Hymn

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the  
dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of  
everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a  
glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the  
risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

With the power that raised Jesus from the  
dead at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia,  
alleluia.**

## Hymn

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

(Chorus)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
(You are my light)

(Chorus)

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms x4  
(Chorus)



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