

# A Service of Morning Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Sunday, April 26, 2020

*With the Parish of the Valley Clergy Team  
and Participants from Across the Parish  
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**Bell Ringer** – Lorna Sibley

**Words of Welcome** – Bishop Michael

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

Canon Susan: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Canon Susan: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Canon Susan: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**All: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

Canon Susan: God has claimed us as his own.

**All: He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

**Christ our Passover**      *(1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22)*

**All: Alleluia!**

**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.**

**Alleluia!**

**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.**

**Alleluia!**

**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.  
Alleluia!**

Canon Susan: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

Lucy Buttle: A reading from the book of 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.

Lucy: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

## **Psalm 116 (1-4, 12-19) – Inclusive Language Psalter**

I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,  
**who has listened to me whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

**Precious in your sight, O Lord is the death of your servants.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people of God.

**In the courts of the house of the Lord, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Yvonne Andrews: A reading from the First Letter of 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.

Yvonne: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks Be to God.**

Rev. Gillian: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:13-35)

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

Rev Gillian: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon – Rev Matthew**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

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The response to our bidding “Let us pray to the Lord” is “**Hear us, Lord of Glory.**”

**The Collect –** *From the Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

Canon Susan: Risen Christ,  
companion on the way:  
break through the disillusionment and despair which cloud our vision,  
so that we may find our way and journey on  
as messengers of your good news.

**All: Amen.**

Canon Susan: 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.**

Canon Susan: 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.**

Canon Susan: Let us bless the Lord.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Blessing: Canon Susan  
**All:** **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn – Phil Cottrell**

***Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*** (Common Praise #212, vs. 1 & 2)

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia!

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.*

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