



Christ was raised up

*from the dead by the glory
of the Father, even so we also should
walk in newness of life.*

ROMANS 6:4

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The Third Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th, 2020

The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! **1 Corinthians 5:7**

Versicles & Responses

V. Hear us, O Lord,

R. **For your mercy is great.**

V. We will exalt you, O God our Saviour,

R. **And praise your name forever and ever.**

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

R. **As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
 so let us celebrate the feast,
not with old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
 death has no more dominion over Him.
In dying He died to sin once for all;
 in living He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
 the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death:
 by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
 even also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

The Confession & Absolution

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All:

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

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

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

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

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of
all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of
you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Glory be 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 Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *"Peter Addresses the Crowd"*

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

The First Converts

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?' ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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.

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-3, 6, 11, 13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

I will sing to the Lord, for his glorious triumph;
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;
the Lord Himself has become my Saviour.
He is my God and I will praise Him;
my father's God and I will exalt Him.
The Lord Himself is a mighty warrior;
the Lord, the Lord is his Name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,
holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place,
and planted them on your own mountain
You brought them into your own house.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

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.

Second Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 "*The Walk to Emmaus*"

13 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. ²⁸As 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.

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the
house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets
You promised of old to save us from our enemies
from the hands of all who hate us.
To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy
covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set
us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before
you all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the
forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high
shall break upon us,
To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
forever. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

THE PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALL:

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. *Amen.***

THE SUFFRAGES “A”

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;
R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;
R. And teach our leaders wisdom.

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;
R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;
R. That your justice may be known among all people.

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;
R. That in us and through us your will may be done.

The Collect of the Day ~ “*The Third Sunday of Easter*”

O God, whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Protection

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your

servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Reflection

Special Intentions for today: for open hearts, eyes and ears to discern the presence of the risen Christ; for the healing of the mind and spirit; and for deliverance and physical healing in the midst of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, in the world today.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
A light to our paths,
And a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all persons
in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING ~ “*Ascension to Eve of Pentecost*”

Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.



The Third Sunday of Easter

YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Comments ~ “*Receiving God’s promise through baptism*”

This reading is **a summary of the preaching and other activities of the early Christian community in Jerusalem.** The crucified one, Jesus, has been made Lord and Christ. Now is the time for repentance, forgiveness, and the gift of the Spirit. There are many signs and healings as the church grows. The new disciples share fully with one another and meet for teaching, eucharistic meals and prayers.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

An offering of thanksgiving and praise by one who has been rescued from death.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Comments ~ *“Born anew”*

In this lesson we hear that the price of Christian freedom from the old ways of futility has been paid with the sacrificial blood of Christ. Although now we await the judgement of God the Father in awe, we have the faith and hope of people who have been born anew. The letter from which this passage comes was addressed to former pagans, and may first have been read at an Easter baptismal service. Having been purified by Christ's imperishable offering, disciples are now to love one another from the heart.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Comments ~ *“Eating with the risen Christ”*

Our Gospel is **the story of how two disciples were met by a stranger on the road to Emmaus. That evening, as he breaks bread with them, they know the stranger to be Jesus.** While they are walking together, Jesus interprets the scriptures to them, showing that it was necessary that Christ should suffer. Later he disappears from their sight. While their Lord is no longer physically present, the church now knows that Jesus will disclose himself in scripture and the breaking of bread, and sometimes through a stranger.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. **The Cathedral Church** is now fully closed further to the recent announcement of emergency measures by The Attorney General, The Honourable Dale Marshall, Q.C., M.P., due to Barbados being at Stage 3 of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic which restricts all Churches from opening.

2. **Confirmation Classes:** Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as health conditions in the country make that possible.

3. **Household Worship:** The cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Week of Second Easter begins on page 748, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, April 27th, 2020 are Exodus 18:13-27; Psalms 9 & 15; and Matthew 1:1-17, 3:1-6.

4. **Stewardship of Treasure:** During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate worship, I appeal to everyone to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral. By the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. I further encourage members to make your contributions in any of the following ways:
 - i. Bring the offering to the Cathedral and lodge it with the Administrative Assistant at the Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

- ii. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.
 - iii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02.
 - iv. If none of these three arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.
5. **Ministry Today:** During this period of the closure of the regular operations of the Cathedral, please note that the ministry of Christ continues. The following basic ministries will be sustained during this period: Administration (Human Resources, Financial and Property management); Christian Education (Bible study, etc.); Pastoral Services (Prayer, Counsel and Bereavement Support); Social Outreach (Deacon's Cupboard, SMCFA); and Worship (Streaming of services, Family worship, Daily Devotion).
6. **Bereavements:** Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the late Mrs. C. Daphne Howard (member of the Church Army, Mothers' Union and Woman's Auxiliary) and Mr. Clifford Nurse (member of the Men's Fellowship). May they rest in peace; and the families experience the blessedness of those who mourn.

***Congratulations to all those person celebrating
birthdays this week ~ April 26th – May 2nd, 2020***

Ms. Alice P. Hall ~ 27th

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Ms. Undine Straker ~ 28th

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Mr. Leo Adolphus Taylor ~ 2nd



May God bless and strengthen you.

Theme for the Week

***“The order of salvation as a result of the
preaching of the Word.”***



Earth Day in the Coronavirus era

The Rev'd Canon Dr Rachel Mash

20 April 2020 7:18PM

On the eve of Earth Day (22 April), the Environmental Coordinator for the Anglican Church of southern Africa, the Rev'd Canon Rachel Mash, considers the effects of the global Covid-19 closedown on the environment.

Fifty years ago on the first Earth Day, 20 million Americans took to the streets, to demonstrate against oil spills, air pollution and the extinction of wildlife. Fifty years later and more than two billion people globally are in lock down. What is the meaning of Earth day for us, faced with the Coronavirus?

Firstly: the Coronavirus is not a natural disaster, it is an ecological disaster. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the US national public health institute, estimates that three-quarters of the “new or emerging” diseases that infect human beings originated in wild or domesticated animals.

Ebola, swine flu, avian flu and mad cow disease were all warning calls. The more we use unhealthy animal agricultural practices and encroach on the natural ecosystem, the more frequent such diseases will become. The World Wildlife Fund says that pandemics are the boomerang effect of destruction of eco-systems.

Secondly: in the words of Pope Francis we share one common home. We are realising the we are part of a web of life. Coronavirus teaches us that our safety depends on the

actions of others just as climate change shows us that the future of the whole Earth depends on actions of all nations. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of Earth.

Thirdly: change is possible. We have seen unprecedented change in lifestyles, transport, and debt relief for the poor. The Earth is breathing and the skies are blue. We have rediscovered the value of silence and the treasure of creation.

The world we go back to could be different, it is a chance to reset our values and priorities. Our economy, our society and our relationship with nature – these are all things we have been made to think differently about. We need to bail out people, not polluters. We need to honour our farm workers and treasure and protect the precious soil of life.

Two years after the first Earth day the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act had been passed.

Change is possible. Let us dream and work towards a new earth. This Earth day let us commit to renewing the face of the Earth.

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