

Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter

**Officiant: The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard
Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Harold Shepherd
Organist & Cantor: Damien Macedo**

Prelude **Prelude on St. Petersburg (Arthur Millaner)**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*
Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
All **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Hymn: *At the Lambs High Feast*

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love, eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal, now no more can grave enthrall!
Thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

This, our gift of Easter joy, sin alone can now destroy;
from Sin's power do thou set free souls new born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise, Father unto thee we raise;
Risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the spirit, ever be.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Reader A reading from the acts of the apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Please join on the alternating (bolded) verses of the psalm.

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ **Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**
- ¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Christ our Passover

Officiant Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
All **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 man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev'd Dr. Harold Shepherd

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,

All **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:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from 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.
 With the Father and the Son
 he is worshipped and glorified.
 He 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.

Intercessions and Prayers

Intercessions

- Leader* In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That isolated and persecuted churches, and all peoples, may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That God may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That by God's power, pandemics, wars, and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, the dying, and the bereaved, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon the whole church, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father,

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

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray. O 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 his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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

Officiant 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
Officiant

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Lord Jesus, in the Days of Old*

Lord Jesus, in the days of old two walked with thee in waning light,
And love's blind instinct made them bold to crave thy presence through the night.
As night descends, we too would pray, "O leave us not at close of day."

Did not their hearts within them burn? And, though their Lord they failed to
know,

Did not their spirits inly yearn? They could not let the Stranger go.
Much more must we who know thee pray, "O leave us not at close of day."

Perchance we have not always wist who has been with us by the way;
Amid day's uproar we have missed some word that thou hast had to say;
In silence now, O Saviour dear, we would not fail thy voice to hear.

Yet if, like Cleopas and he, the twain who fared with clouded eyes,
We see not that we walk with thee, then, Master, as a glad surprise,
Break bread for us that we may know, and, knowing, pray thee not to go.

Nor this time only, blessed Lord, we, ev'ry day and ev'ry hour,
Would walk with thee Emmaus-ward to hear thy voice of love and pow'r;
And ev'ry night would by thy side look, listen, and be satisfied.

Dismissal

Officiant
People

Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude **Alternate Harmonization for Salzburg (Derek Holman)**

Announcements

Ministries for Children and Youth

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg is hosting weekly lessons on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For our youth, Elisabeth and Fr. Benjamin are hosting a weekly check-in over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at youth@stjohnsnorway.com.

Opportunities to Gather During the Week

We are offering two opportunities weekly to gather on Zoom for learning and fellowship. On Thursdays at 5:00 PM, Fr. Jeffrey and Fr. Benjamin are holding a bible study. All you need to participate is a bible. On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we are holding "Happy almost-an-Hour!" Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! Both events are being organized using Zoom and can be accessed online or on the phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608).

Online Donations

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