

**Recorded Service of the Word**  
**The Anglican Parish of St. Mary of the Incarnation**  
**Serving the Community of Metchosin BC since 1862**  
*The Rev. Aneeta Saroop*

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Ringing of the church bell

The McArthur Family

*Welcome and acknowledgement of territories*

We gather our hearts and minds from our homes and join as one as we prepare for worship.....

## GATHERING

Hymn            *The Day of the Resurrection*            CP 205            Shirley Roodbol

Celebrant: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
                  and the love of God,  
                  and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                  be with you all

**People:    And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Almighty God...  
**People**            to you all hearts are open,  
                          all desires known,  
                          and from you 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.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*  
                          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 forever. Amen.

## WORD

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Helen McArthur

*On the day of Pentecost, the twelve disciples of Jesus are “filled with the Holy Spirit” and the experience profoundly changes them. From the fear of being identified as followers of Jesus, and open to a hostile reaction, they are emboldened to leave the confines of the*

*house where they are hiding. They join a mixed crowd of visitors to Jerusalem and speak fearlessly of what they have witnessed in recent days. Peter, the spokesman for the disciples tells of how the crucified One, Jesus, "God raised up". On hearing the full story and being deeply moved by it Peter tells them how they should respond. (Philip Wadham)*

*We listen to a reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts*

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.

Helen: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Rachel Mitten

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.

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 the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

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

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \* in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord \* is the death of his 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 his people.

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

**Rachel:** Let us pray - Eternal God, faithful in your tender compassion, you give us hope for our life here and hereafter through the victory of your only Son. When we share his cup of salvation, revive in us the joy of this everlasting gift. We ask this in his name.

### 1 Peter 1:17-23

Ed Watson

*As we learned last Sunday, this second reading is from a letter, likely written by an elder of a Christ-community situated in Rome. The letter was intended to be circulated among a number of these gentile (non-Jewish) communities in five regions of Asia Minor, today's Turkey, and it was written around the end of the first century. The believers have discontinued (been "ransomed from") their previous religious practices and have placed their "trust in God who raised Jesus from the dead". They affirm their trust in God as they care for each other in "genuine mutual love" (Philip Wadham)*

*A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Ed: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Alleluia!*

Shirley Roodbol

The Lord be with you

Deacon Wally Eamer

**And also with you**

The Holy Gospel + According to Luke 24:13-35

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.

The Gospel of Our Lord

## **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

Hymn

*Abba Father*

Rachel Mitten

## **THANKSGIVING**

Confession of Faith

Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

This is the first and the greatest commandment.

The second is like it"

Love our neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Wally Eamer

Let us who journey on the way with Christ, risen and ever-present in the mystery, pray for the world with all our heart and soul and mind, saying: Lord hear our prayer.

For the church universal and for this community of faith, that we may wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the sacred teachings, to common life, to the breaking of the bread and our current fast from the holy meal; We pray for communities apart longing to be together again. In our life together in prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

For all nations and people of this wide earth, that we may be delivered from human devices of oppression, and from false idol and futile ways. For leaders to govern with a justice for all people. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

That all who grieve or who are desperate or haunted by violence know your urgent mercy. We pray for the victims, for those injured, for families and loved ones in mourning and for communities shaken by the shootings in Nova Scotia. We pray for victims of domestic abuse,

for children and elders without power or agency. May they know the hidden strength of Christ present. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

For the homeless, those without bread, those tempted by anger or self-hatred, those driven to harm that they may find refuge and strength in the one who walks with them. We pray for the municipalities across Canada finding ways to support and house the homeless in the midst of Covid-19. We pray for those in places where handwashing and sheltering in place is a luxury afforded to some and not all. We pray for equity and justice in human systems when illness does not discriminate. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

For our neighbours, our community our leaders and health officials. For all those serving us from the front lines who continue to work so that we can shelter in place and be safe. For our community of faith and for the needs of those facing challenges beyond pandemic that require your strength, O God. For Willi, Gordon, April, Sean and Caleb, for Russ, Katrina, Natasha, for Jan, Eugene, Hariett, Janette, and Rich. For Naheed, Rahanna and their daughter let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

Preserve us all, O Lord, and take us home to your heart, so that all our lives may be woven together in prayer and praise, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Sprit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: Deacon Wally Eamer

♪♪ **Our Father in heaven. Hallow'd be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in Heav'n. Give us today our daily bread; for give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-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 for-ev-er.**

Hymn

*Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!*

CP 220

Shirley Roodbol

## SENDING

**Announcements:** Thank you for joining us in worship today. Join us every Sunday in this way for worship until we can gather in person again. We have Zoom Kids Sunday School at 10:00 am where I'll lead the children in a bible story. Join us on Wednesdays at 1pm for a social and prayer time...it's a great chance to connect and if you're new to the community, or from the Metchosin area and you're looking to connect with folks, you are welcome! Check out the website for contacts for our Zoom meetings.

Fellow Travellers on the journey, receive our Lord's blessing:

Benediction The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and with mercy and in these days of uncertainty and God's assurance, the Lord + look upon you with favour and give you peace, **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

\*\*Join us next week for Sunday online worship. A link to the recording will be sent out via email along with a liturgy to follow along every week. Join us for Zoom "Children's Chat" at 10:00 am If you'd like to join and haven't been in contact with Scott please email him at [scott.dolff@gmail.com](mailto:scott.dolff@gmail.com) This Wednesday join us for online Zoom drop in prayer at 1:00 pm. If you haven't been receiving pastor Aneeta's emails with instructions, please email ([asaroop@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:asaroop@bc.anglican.ca)) or call (250-812-5965)

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