

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



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Third Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader May his grace and peace be with you.

All May he fill our hearts with joy.

Leader Let us pray.

All We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Leader Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins.

**All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Leader Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Leader May the Peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving Name,
for every child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour and our Lord.

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The Collect of the Day

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:14A, 36-41

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

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

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!

Second Reading: 1 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.

Acclamation: Hallelujah

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sung through 4 times

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Gospel: 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.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Leader
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Let us confess our faith as we say,
**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 on baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

Silence

Leader 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 may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That he 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 he 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 his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. Please add your own petitions

Leader Hear us, Lord.

All For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. Please add your own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our king;

All And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. Please add your own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

All Who put their trust in you.

Leader Gracious God,

All you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;

you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines

MV#138

My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find
And takes me into places where I've never been before
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain:

*We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.*

*And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine,
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain

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Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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

Leader 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, forever and ever. Amen

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy
Spirit.
All **Amen**

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St. John the Divine Prayers for April 26th, 2020

The Church

St. Catherine, Capilano – The Reverend Sharon Smith

St. James, Vancouver – The Venerable Kevin Hunt, The Reverend Lucy Price, The Reverend Matthew Johnson, The Reverend Joyce Locht

St. Philip, Vancouver - The Reverend Stuart Hallam

St. John the Divine, Squamish- The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

Heather Bewza, Tyler Olfert, Edie Hildreth, The Howe Sound Women’s Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.

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Reverend Cameron's Reflection

This virus is terrible. Millions are infected, and thousands are suffering and dying. It is crippling economies, causing countless people to lose their jobs, losing any security they had. It is forcing individuals into unsafe and abusive situations. For many, their mental health is suffering.

However, some things aren't all that bad. Some have found that slowing down has been good. Pollution levels have dropped in many parts of the world. People (for the most part) are following the rules, and are looking out for each other – helping both friends and strangers.

Which of these realities are true?

Both.

It is OK to be devastated by this situation. It is Ok to be appreciating certain aspects. It is even OK to do both.

As people of faith, I think we can hold that tension; we are well-versed in paradox.

For me, it has been really nice reaching new people through our online services, *and*, I have been struggling with the extra time and energy it takes to put them together. I have enjoyed attending services with communities across the country, *and*, I have been missing gathering with you all in-person on Sunday mornings. I have been inspired by people's generosity and adopting new ways of giving online, *and*, I am facing the possibility of a difficult time financially for our parish.

These can all be true, and we can honour them. We can offer these things to God, for God is in and moving through all of it.

One of the opportunities that I see right now, for all of us here at St. John's, is the opportunity to invite someone to check out our community. It takes a lot of courage to invite someone to church, and it might take even more courage to actually come. However, at this time, online, I think makes it a little easier, removing some of the barriers, for all involved.

Remember, however you are, however you are feeling, you are beloved; you are God's very own for ever, and ever, and ever, and ever...

Thanks be to God!

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