

A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
3rd Sunday of Easter - April 18, 2021

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Officiant Lord, open our lips, *People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. *People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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. Alleluia!

To The Name of Our Salvation

To the name of our salvation, laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the name that whoso preaches speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches, heavenly joy possesses here.

Jesus is the name exalted over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted, we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted, eyes to blind and feet to lame.

Therefore we in love adoring, this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here
that, hereafter heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.

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The Proclamation of the Word: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
 - 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
 - 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
 - 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
 - 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
 and put your trust in the Lord.
 - 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
 - 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
 - 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
 for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
- 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.

1 John 3:1—7

Luke 24:36b - 48 A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we; here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, thou are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished shall for ever more remain,
Alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life imparting heavenly Manna, stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified.

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Prayers (see litany below)

Parish Prayer cycle: Thelma Boase, Kathryn & John Berardi (Lea, Ryan)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Joanne, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, the front line workers who continue to serve in the midst of this pandemic, our Archbishop Anne, **Parish of St. Stephen: Church of the Redeemer, Rosseau, St. Thomas', Orrville, St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River, The Rev. Peter Simmons, The Rev. Dr. Cal MacFarlane (Hon.), The Rt. Rev. George Elliot (Hon.). The congregation at the Church of the Ascension and the Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut, interim priest. The Royal family as they continue to grieve the death of Prince Philip.**

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(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.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

Hear us, Lord of glory!

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.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

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.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The priest says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the day

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.

The Lord's prayer

Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory over death you won.

Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay

Chorus: Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son. Endless is the victory over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

Chorus

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life: what is life without you? Aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through your deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Chorus.

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An Easter Blessing

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.

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. **People Thanks be to God!**

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