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We welcome everyone worshipping with us today whether in person or online.*

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We give thanks that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzee, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.

Processional Hymn – CP# 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
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.

Children's focus

Glory to God

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God, and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

The Collect

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 Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

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 to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

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.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn CP# 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

The Gospel – Luke 24:13-35

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Reverend Robin Ruder Celiz

The Apostles' Creed:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we sing:

CP 44 I Believe in God Almighty

Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn – CP# 482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator of all,

you wash away our sins in water,

you give us new birth by the Spirit,

and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

**As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's New Creation, as our Saviour taught, so we pray.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Please proceed to the altar for communion as directed, we ask that you sanitise your hands before receiving Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Author of life divine,
**in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.
Feed us always in these mysteries,
that we may show your glory to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Doxology

Glory to God,
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.

Community Announcements

The Blessing

May the Lord Jesus who serves with wounded hands,
teach you to serve others.
May the Lord Jesus, who walks on wounded feet,
walk with you to the end of your road.
May the Lord Jesus who serves with a wounded heart, be your love forever.
Whenever you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet,
and may everyone see the face of Jesus in you.
And the Blessing of the God of Hope,
the God of Compassion and the God of Life be with you,
and those you care for, this day and always. Amen

Sending Hymn – CP# 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning 23rd April 2023

To assist the office, please ensure that any items for the Notices are received
before Noon on Thursday.

The flowers at the altar this morning are given for the glory of God by Maureen and Steve Thompson in loving memory of sister in law Catherine Piece and nephew Craig Pierce.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols. We also pray for the Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron.

Anglican Communion – we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda

In our Diocesan Cycle - we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd John Stephens. We also pray for St. James, Vancouver - The Venerable Kevin Hunt; The Rev'd Matthew Johnson, the Revd Joyce Locht ; the Rev'd Amanda Ruston ; Standing Committee on Finance and Property ; Bob Hardy, ODNW, Treasurer and Chair; Ms Shailene Caparas, Mr Joselito Manalo, Staff

We pray for our companion diocese of Northern Philippines. We pray for our own twinned parish of Holy Apostles, Abatan, and their priest, Father Joey Napat-a.

In all these prayers for the church near and far, we pray for the people and clergy and for the ministries flowing from these places into the communities.

In our Parish Cycle we pray for: Ian Mulcaster and family (Valerie and Livia) Ann Nelitz and Anton & Gayani Nelson . We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

LUNCH BUNCH – Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, April 27, at 11:30am, in the Upper Hall. The cost of \$6.00. Please let Joan Hnedish or Glenda Colquhoun know if you are coming so we can prepare enough food. Your friends and family are most welcome.



This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher– The Rev'd Robin Ruder Celiz

Music – Matthew Ma

Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist – Kelly Foulds

Prayers of the Community – John Palmer

Readers – Mareen and Roshan Mathew

Lay Administration – Janette Bulkan and Cathy Anderson

Greeters – Mary Patterson and Maureen Thompson

Livestream Tech – Zoltan Barabas/Simon Lee/Tom Beneteau

Altar Guild – Judy Glanville and Carol Young

Fellowship Servers – the Lah Family

Next week's Ministry Team

Crucifer/Server and Psalmist – Wendy Russell

Prayers of the Community – Lynn Turner

Readers – Angelita Sotana and Janette Bulkan

Lay Administration - Vee & Edward Villar

Greeters – Maureen Thompson and Glenda Colquoun

Altar Guild – Lynn Turner and Jane Denton

Fellowship Servers – Zoltan Barbaras and Anil Richards

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