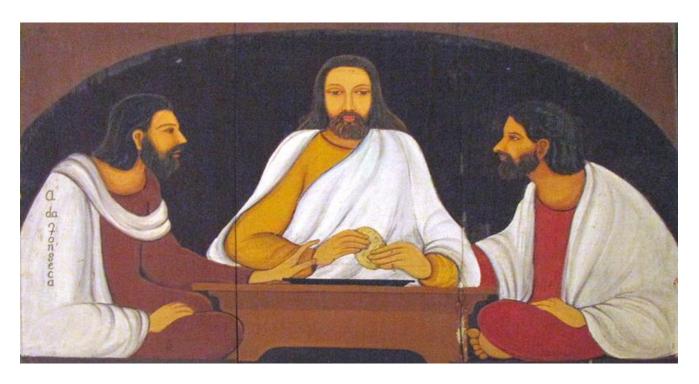
Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:00 AM



Breaking Bread Christa Prema Seva Ashram, Pune, India (for more information)

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" CP-374

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant: May God's grace and peace be with you.
All: May Christ fill our hearts with joy!

~ Standing at the font, the celebrant continues,

Celebrant: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised to new life in the Spirit.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

~ Water may be poured into the font while the celebrant gives thanks, saying,

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit

moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the

Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the

bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for

ever. **Amen**.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you .

The Peace is an invitation for us extend the blessing of God's absolution of our sins to our neighbours. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest to you with a wave, handshake, fist bump or other greeting.

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Gloria: "Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo" CP-376 (repeated at least 3 times)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: Wounded God, disabled and divine: give us faith to perceive you pierced

and embodied, standing here among us feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken; through Christ, the suffering servant. Amen.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School in the main hall.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 3:12-19) Read by Josie

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life,

While visiting the Temple, Peter and John have seen a man lame from birth. Peter has commanded him, in the name of Jesus, to stand up and walk. Peter now preaches to the crowd who have witnessed the miraculous healing.

whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 4 iv Cantor: Andy

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: The Lord does wonders for the faithful.

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.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" [Refrain.]

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. [Refrain.]

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. [Refrain.]

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. [Refrain.]

A reading from the first letter of John

(1 John 3:1-7)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children,

Read by Roxee

The author has told us that he writes so that his readers may not sin. But should anyone sin, Christ will defend us. We do in fact deviate from God's ways, so we need Jesus' help. But there are also people who are lawless; they make no attempt to follow God's ways.

let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gradual Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" CP-570

A reading from the Gospel According to Luke

(Luke 24:36b-48) read by the Rev. Deacon Trudi Shaw

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands

Jesus has appeared to two disciples as they walked to Emmaus; he has shared bread with them. They have just returned to Jerusalem, and have heard from "the eleven and their companions" that Jesus has also appeared to Peter. Now he appears to them.

and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Hymn: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

AII: 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.

Prayers of the People:

led by Sara

The leader will name aloud our parish's known prayer concerns and conclude with the following prayer:

Leader:

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Surround and uphold all those for whom we pray that in the midst of all the cares and occupations of this life, their hearts may be filled with the quiet confidence of your grace. For you, O God, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the

Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All:

Amen.



Offertory Hymn "Jesu, Jesu"

CP-504

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

The Holy Communion

Preparation and Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us

with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through

Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.vi

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks and praise to you, holy and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name

and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

SNC-212 (see page 10 for music)

Holy, holy, holy, God of power, of power and might, heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one coming in the name, the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you

we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with

water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new

creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this

meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received

the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in

your holy church, now and forever.

All: Amenvii.

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer

SGP-12

CP-690

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 the Bread:

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

→ Agnus Dei –"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns

"I am the Bread"
"More Love to Thee"

CP-56
SGP-81 (green hymnal)
(or see page 11)

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: 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.

Doxology

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,

open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,

give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,

empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

And the blessing the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be upon you this day and remain with you always.

Sending Hymn: "That Eastertide was Bright" CP-231

Dismissal

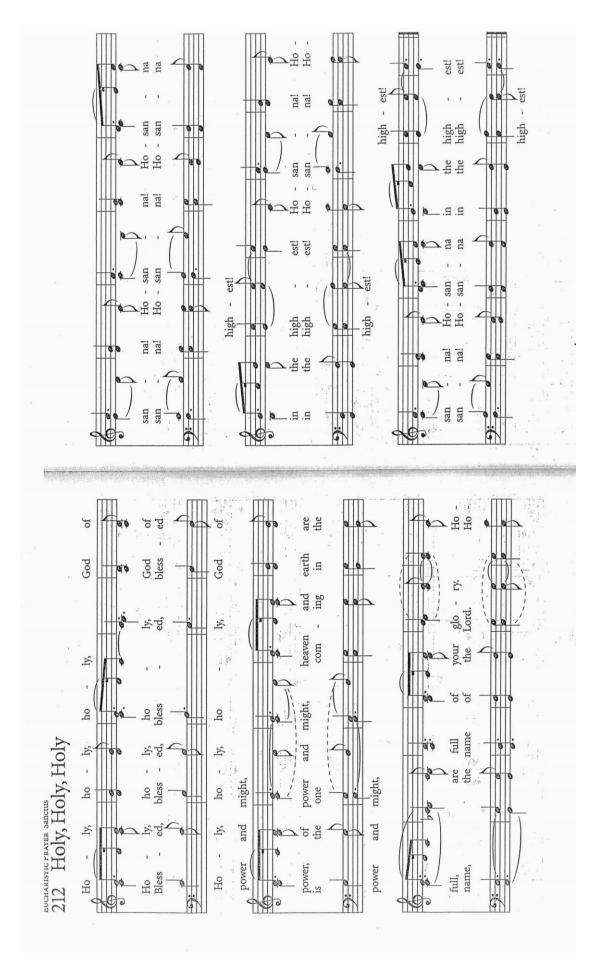
Leader: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,

go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia 👊.



You are welcome to join us for tea & coffee after the service.



More love to thee

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Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Elements of this liturgy without an endnote come from the <u>Book of Alternative Services</u>, (BAS).

The prayer for those not receiving Holy Communion is borrowed from Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster.

The summaries of the scripture readings are from <u>Comments</u>, a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

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ⁱ Breaking Bread, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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[&]quot;Gathering Rites for the Pascal Cycle, Approved by the Council of General Synod, November 2018

iii Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

^{iv} The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/

^v Closing to Prayers of the People: pieced together by the Ven Ruth Monette using Alternative RCL Collects and the concluding prayer of the Great Litany, BAS p 143

vi Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt

vii The Eucharistic Prayer is VII from Worship, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

viii Dismissal is from Times and Seasons, Church of England.