



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

## Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday | April 19<sup>th</sup> | 2026

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

*The Kilcreggan Mass | Peter Nardone*

The flowers are given to the glory of God

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## Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.  
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** | *Præludium in A (BWV 536) | J.S. Bach*

## Announcements

**Hymn 319** | *Come, let us join our cheerful songs*

## 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.**

## Glory to God

*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.***

## 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. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading** | *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

A reading from the book of Acts.

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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm | 116:1-3, 10-17

*I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication, who has listened to me whenever I called. 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 you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people. Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your 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 the people of God. In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!*

## Second Reading | 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first 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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** | *Here, O my Lord* | Barry Rose

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face, Here faith would touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven, Here would I lay aside each earthly load. Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. I have no help but thine, nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon; It is enough, my Lord, indeed, My strength is in thy might alone.*

**Holy 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.**

## Sermon

Hymn 456 | *He comes to us as one unknown*

## Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

# Prayers

Let us pray.

God of power and possibility, you broke open the tomb – now break open your Church. Bless our Primate Shane, our Metropolitan Anne, our Bishop-Elect Kathryn, all clergy and laity. Guide us to be reconcilers and visionaries, led by your Spirit.

Resurrect, renew and revive your church.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, you entered the hearts of Jesus' fearful friends – now enter our relationships. Where there is joy, nurture it; where there is hurt, heal it.

Resurrect, renew and revive our life together.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of might and mercy, you shattered the plans of those who opposed love – now transform the governance of nations. Inspire leaders toward justice and peace. Confront deception with your truth.

Resurrect, renew and revive the community of nations.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing and hope, you broke the chains of death – now enter our places of pain and grief. Bring comfort, courage, and peace to all who suffer and especially to those whom we hold in our hearts.

*Silence.*

Resurrect, renew and revive our lives.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Easter renewal, you meet us in every moment – now meet us in joy and sorrow. Grant us gratitude, generosity, and grace.

Resurrect, renew and revive our souls and spirits.

**Hear our prayer. Amen.**

# The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn 207 | *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*



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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## 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.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you: *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.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile, you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters, brothers and siblings. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

**who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

## Communion

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

**Motet** | *Until all are fed* | Sally Morris and Bryan McFarland

*How long will we sing? How long will we pray? How long will we write and send? How long will we bring? How long will we stay? How long will we make amends? Until all are fed we cry out! Until all on earth have bread. Like the One who loves us each and every one we serve until all are fed. How long will we talk? How long will we prod? How must we fret and hoard? How long will we walk to tear down this facade? How long, how long, O lord? On the green, green grass they gathered long ago to hear what the Master said. What they had they shared some fishes and some loaves, they served until all were fed.*

# The Sending of the Community

## 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.**

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.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life, bless and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Hymn 330** | *O praise ye the Lord*

**Postlude** | *Gaudeamus* | Alec Rowley

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# Readings Next Sunday | April 26<sup>th</sup>

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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