

**St Giles Anglican Church**  
**Morning Prayer Online**  
**April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter**

*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!**

## **The Invitatory**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

## **Venite**

*Psalm 95.1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***  
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**  
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**  
**For the Lord is a great God, \***  
**and a great king above all gods.**  
**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**  
**The sea is his for he made it, \***  
**and his hands have moulded the dry land.**  
**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***  
**and kneel before the Lord our maker.**  
**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## The Readings

### A reading from Acts

2.14, 36-41

14 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.

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,\* this Jesus whom you crucified.'

37 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?' <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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.' <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 116

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 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.**

## **A reading from 1Peter**

1.17-23

17 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. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>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.

22 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.\* <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to **Luke**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles\* from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.\* <sup>18</sup>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?' <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah\* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>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?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>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.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

# Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.

## Prayers of the People

Remember, Lord, your people bowed before you, and those who are absent through age, sickness, or any other cause. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, inspire the faint-hearted, and bring the wandering to your fold. Journey with those who must travel, encourage the oppressed, defend the widows, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Strengthen all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress. Remember the dead and all who mourn. Remember especially the people of Nova Scotia, and all who mourn the deaths of innocent people.

Remember our churches scattered yet connected, our people, our clergy, and Rob our Bishop.

Remember our communities, keep them strong and our leaders wise and loving.

Remember for good those who love us, and those who hate us, and those who have asked us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. Remember especially, Lord, those whom we have forgotten.

For you are the helper of the helpless, the saviour of the lost, the refuge of the wanderer, the healer of the sick. You know the need of all and have heard each prayer: save us in your merciful lovingkindness and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Collect

*Officiant* 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**

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

*All* **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.**

## **Dismissal**

*Then may be said or sung,*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine  
on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour  
and grant us peace. **Amen.**

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