

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter**



Jesus then said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here. See my hands.' *John 20:27*

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20:29*

**CP 521 Dear Shepherd of Your People**

1 Great Shepherd of your people, hear;  
your presence now display;  
as you have given a place for prayer,  
so give us hearts to pray.

2 Within these walls let holy peace  
and love and concord dwell;  
here give the troubled conscience ease,  
the wounded spirit heal.

3 May we in faith receive your word,  
in faith present our prayers,  
and in the presence of our Lord  
disburden all our cares.

4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,  
the humbled mind bestow;  
and shine upon us from on high,  
to make our graces may grow.

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.**

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.**

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

**Psalm 133** Response: How good it is for all to live together in unity.

133:1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**A Reading from Acts 4:32-35**

4:32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

4:33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

4:34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

4:35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CCLI 7069096 Let There Be Light**

1. There's no darkness in Your eyes  
There's no question in Your mind  
God almighty God of mercy  
There's no hiding from Your face  
There's no striving in Your grace  
God of mercy God almighty

*Chorus*

Let there be light  
Open our eyes to Your heart  
Desperate just to know who You are  
Shine in us we pray  
Jesus have Your way

2. There's no borders in Your love  
No division in Your heart  
God of heaven God of freedom  
There's no taking back the cross  
No regret in what it cost  
God of freedom God of heaven

*Chorus*

Let there be light  
Open our eyes to Your heart  
Desperate just to know who You are  
Shine in us we pray  
Jesus have Your way

3. Let the light that shines above  
Become the light that shine in us  
There's no darkness in Your way  
So have Your way  
Lord have Your way

## A Reading from I John 1:1-2:2

1:1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--

1:2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us--

1:3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1:4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

1:7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1:9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2:2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the one who break the darkness  
with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
 Christ who suffered in our place.  
 Jesus died and rose for many  
 that we may know God by grace.  
 Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
 seeing what our God has done.  
 Praise the one redeeming glory;  
 praise the One who makes us one.

### The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### John 20:19-31

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

**CCLI 7007021 Jesus I believe**

1. I wanna walk with You Jesus  
Feel Your presence and know You're near  
I wanna see You Jesus  
Move in power and cast out fear

*Chorus*

I need to hear You now  
I need to know it's You  
I'm standing on Your promises  
I know Your word is true  
You're bigger than what I see  
It's You in exchange for me  
'Cause even the impossible can be reality  
Jesus I believe  
Jesus I believe

2. I wanna say what You're saying  
Speaking life to what is dead  
And I wanna cling to You Jesus  
Oh hanging on Your every breath

*Chorus*

I need to hear You now  
I need to know it's You  
I'm standing on Your promises

I know Your word is true  
You're bigger than what I see  
It's You in exchange for me  
'Cause even the impossible can be reality  
Jesus I believe  
Jesus I believe

*Bridge*

So let Your kingdom come  
And let Your will be done  
Here on the earth just like it is in heaven  
God let Your kingdom come  
And let Your will be done  
Right here on earth just like it is in heaven

*Chorus*

I need to hear You now  
I need to know it's You  
I'm standing on Your promises  
I know Your word is true  
You're bigger than what I see  
It's You in exchange for me  
'Cause even the impossible is Your reality  
Jesus I believe

Affirmation of Faith (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.**

Prayers of the People led and compiled by Autumn Reinhardt-Simpson

**Prayers for the church:**

Lord, we pray for our Queen, Elizabeth, and for all of those in authority, that they might understand the privilege of their position.

We also pray for the worldwide church, especially the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

We hold in prayer The Diocese of Saskatchewan and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael; the Rt. Rev. Adam, Bishop of Missinipi; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah, Assisting Bishop of Missinipi. We pray for the diocese of St. Matthew in Viking and their Interim Ministry.

We pray for the retired pastors of Buyé: Joel and Osee .

We pray especially for our friends of the Paul First Nation.

We hold Bishop Jane in prayer as she nears the end of her journey as Bishop of Edmonton to embark on a new journey in God's service. As we prepare to say good-bye to a beloved leader, we pray for the committee dedicated to the search for a new bishop, and for a smooth transition as we search for a new Bishop.

We hold in prayer our friends and members of our community, including Sandra; Merle; Mona; Nicole; Lois; Ray; Evelyn; Irene and Sandy; Joyce; Jaclyn; Jim and Par; Kathryn; Joan; Trevor; Mary; Helen; Brent; Cathy; Jenifer; Gavin, Ginnie, and Niall; Judy and Tony; and Thelma.

We pray especially today for the Canterbury Foundation residents and staff as they search for new board members from the Anglican community.

Lord, we also bring before you the prayers of our hearts, heavy during this difficult time in history:

For the people of Myanmar, help them to know they are not alone. They are not forgotten. They are not abandoned. The world is watching as this situation unfolds and we are praying that a durable solution will be found bringing peace to all. We pray to the Lord;

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For an end to male violence and anti-Asian hatred, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those suffering from an increase in Covid-19 cases throughout the province and Canada, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all essential workers who do not have the ability to stay at home and who serve us continually in this crisis, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

That we may learn from this moment in history and dare to name the injustices that this crisis has laid bare to us, economic injustice, racial injustice, gender injustice – and that we not close our ears, eyes, and hearts once we feel safe again, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

That we may find in these times small mercies, hidden beauty, and rediscovered selves, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Compassionate God, it has been a long while since we have been able to gather as one body in your presence to worship you in fellowship and community. We long for the time that we can gather again in our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship in a shared space. We ask for trust and for patience, not only for ourselves, but for all worshipping communities, so that when the time is right, we can open our doors and once again, carefully and with the safety of all in our minds and hearts, come together again in love and fellowship.

Until that time, we thank you for the many opportunities you have granted us to worship in different ways and we ask that you make us always mindful that the church is not the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us, we pray.

Collect

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**CP 231 That Eastertide With Joy and Bright**

1 That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
 the sun shone out with fairer light,  
 alleluia, alleluia!  
 when, to their longing eyes restored,  
 the apostles saw their risen Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 He bade them see his hands, his side,  
 where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
 alleluia, alleluia!  
 the tokens true which made it plain  
 their Lord indeed was risen again.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 From every weapon death can wield  
 thine own redeemed forever shield:  
 alleluia, alleluia!  
 O Lord of all, with us abide  
 in this our joyful Eastertide.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
 do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
 alleluia, alleluia!  
 that we may give thee all our days  
 the tribute of our grateful praise.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Dismissal**

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20:29*

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

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

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

**Special Presentation** by Scott (Monty) Montgomery, Member of the Board of the Canterbury Foundation.