

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter**



Christ appears to the disciples at the table after the Resurrection

Panel from the Maestra Altarpiece of Siena 1308-1311 Duccio, di Buoninsegna, d.1319,
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo (Siena, Italy)

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.
Luke 24:32

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CP 306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

3 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

5 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

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 4 Refrain: The Lord does wonders for the faithful.

4:1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

4:2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

4:3 But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

4:4 When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

4:5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

4:6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

4:7 You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

4:8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

A Reading from Acts 3:12-19

3:12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You 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?"

3:13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of 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.

3:14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

3:15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

3:16 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.

3:17 "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

3:18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

3:19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CCLI 7141227 There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

1. Just one word

You calm the storm that surrounds me

Just one word

The darkness has to retreat

Just one touch

I feel the presence of heaven

Just one touch

My eyes were opened to see

My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's not a mountain that He can't move

Oh praise the name that makes a way

There's nothing that our God can't do

2. Just one word

You heal what's broken inside me

Just one word

And you revive every dream

Just one touch

I feel the power of heaven

Just one touch

My eyes were opened to see

My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's not a mountain that He can't move

Oh praise the name that makes a way

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's not a prison wall He can't break through

Oh praise the name that makes a way

There's nothing that our God can't do

Bridge

I will believe for greater things

There's no power like the power of Jesus

Let faith arise let all agree

There's no power like the power of Jesus

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's not a mountain that He can't move

Oh praise the name that makes a way

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do

There's not a prison wall He can't break through

Oh praise the name that makes a way

There's nothing that our God can't do

A Reading from 1 John 3:1-7

3:1 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.

3:2 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.

3:3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

3:4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

3:5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

3:6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 244 We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

4 that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

The Gospel

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.

Luke 24:36b-48

24:36b While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

24:37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

24:38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

24:39 Look at my hands 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."

24:40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

24:41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

24:42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

24:43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

24:44 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."

24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

24:46 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,

24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 6367165 We Believe

1. In this time of desperation
 When all we know is doubt and fear
 There is only one foundation
 We believe, we believe
 In this broken generation
 When all is dark You help us see
 There is only one salvation
 We believe, we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
 We believe in Jesus Christ
 We believe in the Holy Spirit
 And He's given us new life
 We believe in the crucifixion
 We believe that He conquered death
 We believe in the resurrection
 And He's coming back again

2. Let our faith be more than anthems
 Greater than the songs we sing
 In our weakness and temptations
 We believe, we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
 We believe in Jesus Christ
 We believe in the Holy Spirit
 And He's given us new life
 We believe in the crucifixion
 We believe that He conquered death
 We believe in the resurrection
 And He's coming back again
 We believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be
 raised
 In the here and now let love invade
 Let the church live loud our God will save
 We believe we believe
 And the gates of hell will not prevail
 For the power of God has torn the veil
 Now we know Your love will never fail
 We believe, we believe

Chorus

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 We 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 Lesley Lambert

Let us pray.

Today I will be using Litany #5 in the Book of Alternative Services.

Let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, hear our prayer".

We pray today for The Church of Ireland and for the people of Ireland as they see violence again after so many years of peace; for the Diocese of Saskatoon, the Rt. Rev. Chris Harper, Bishop; St. Philip's, Westlock, Peter Yeung, rector. We pray for our parish family of St. Peter's and for our ministry, Heather and Alison. Today as we reflect on the retirement of Bishop Jane, we give thanks for her years of dedicated service while we look to the future and the gifts and blessings our new incumbent may bring. We pray particularly for the Search Committee who are charged with the search for a new bishop and the plan for a smooth transition.

In the Buye Diocese, we pray for the clergy in further education, for Dominique Ciza and Simion Kinono studying in Tennessee and for the Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray today for this country of Canada, our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and all in authority. We offer fervent prayer today for our most gracious sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, as she mourns her beloved husband Philip, her stay and support of over 70 years, remembering his many visits to Canada with Her Majesty and a life of devoted service.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: may the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick and those who care for them in the home, the hospital and the residences during these most challenging times. We remember those who have been so isolated from loved ones in seniors' dwellings and who miss human touch and contact so much. Today we ask your blessing on the Canterbury Foundation and those who work or reside there. We also pray for those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois, Ray, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jaclyn, Jim and Par, Kathryn, Trevor, Mary, Helen, Brent, Jennifer, Gavin, Ginnie and Niall, Judy and Tony. May the Lord bless them, deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth. We pray for the people of Myanmar and we commend to your keeping and care Canadians Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig as they endure prison in a foreign land. Keep them, and all who need your protection, safe, and watch over them with your infinite compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray today for the peaceful repose of the soul of His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip and all those who have passed from this earthly life, their earthly journey complete: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Compassionate Father, it has been a 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 together at our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship in a shared space. We ask for trust and 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, for ever and ever, Amen.

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.**

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 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1. Where charity and love
There God is ever found
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love we are thus bound

3. Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess
Let us love each other well
In Christian holiness

2. With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Him in return

4. Let strife among us be unknown
Let all contention cease
Be His the glory that we seek
Be ours His holy peace

The Dismissal

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.
Luke 24:32

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!