

A Service of Morning Prayer
April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



“The Road to Emmaus” by Altobello Melone (1490-1543)
 created about 1516-1517
 The National Gallery, London, UK

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn
 within us while you speak. See *Luke 24.32*

CP 405 Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
 he is the king of creation. ***Alle...***

3 We have been crucified with Christ;
 now we shall live for ever. ***Alle...***

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 Jesus has died and is risen. ***Alle...***

4 Come, let us praise the living God,
 joyfully sing to our Saviour. ***Alle...***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 And the love of God,
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 Be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Refrain: I will call upon the name of the Lord.*

116:1 I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

116:2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

116:3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

116:4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

116:12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

116:13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

116:14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

116:16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

116:17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

116:18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

116:19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2:14a: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

2:36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

2:37 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?"

2:38 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.

2:39 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."

2:40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

2:41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

A Reading from 1 Peter 1:17-23

1:17 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.

1:18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

1:20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

1:21 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.

1:22 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.

1:23 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.

Thanks be to God.

CP 374 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia! he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
 thou on earth our food, our stay:
 alleluia! here the sinful
 flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own:
 Alleluia! born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great high priest:
 thou on earth both priest and victim
 in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
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 Jesus, out of every nation,
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The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Luke 24:13-35

24:13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

24:14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

24:15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

24:16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

24:17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad.

24:18 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?"

24:19 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,

24:20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

24:21 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.

24:22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

24:23 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.

24:24 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."

24:25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

24:26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

24:27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

24:28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

24:29 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.

24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

24:32 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?"

24:33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

24:34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

24:35 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 by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 1650898 This Kingdom

1 Jesus God's righteousness revealed
 The Son of Man the Son of God
 His kingdom comes
 Jesus redemption's sacrifice
 Now glorified now justified
 His kingdom comes

2 Jesus the expression of God's love
 The grace of God the Word of God
 Revealed to us
 Jesus God's holiness displayed
 Now glorified now justified
 His kingdom comes

Chorus

***And this kingdom will know no end
 And its glory shall know no bounds
 For the majesty and power
 Of this kingdom's King has come
 And this kingdom's reign
 And this kingdom's rule
 And this kingdom's power and authority
 Jesus God's righteousness revealed***

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 compiled and led by Jody Watson

We pray today for:

- The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, the Rt Rev. Nigel Shaw. Quiet our hearts and souls as we come before you with Humbleness and Thanksgiving and hear our supplications.
- The Church of Good Shepherd, Edmonton: Jordan Haynie Ware, Rector; Tom Dean, Honorary Assistant; Raelynn Ramage-Muir, Children's and Youth Ministry; Michelle Yee, Administrative Assistant.
- Buye Diocese, Rusenga Parish: Silvere Ndururutse, Rector
- Saddle Lake Cree Nation

We pray for our own Parish of St. Peter's and all who worship there whether in person or who join in worship on line.

For our Bishop, Steve, for Rev. Alison, our deacon and for Nadine, our Music director.

We pray for those faithful folk in our church family who serve so selflessly, who wear many hats and step in and step up where needed. You know who they are and we ask your everlasting blessing upon them.

We hold up those who specifically asked for Intercessory Prayer:

Sandra...Merle...Mary...Irene...Helen...Tony and Mary Jean...Bill...Geraldine... Florence...Joan...Shirley and Cyril...Lisa...Marijke...Chrissie, Cathy and Family...Diane...Janelle...Roald...and Luci.

We pray for all those whose needs are known only to you. 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 476 God, You Have Caused to be Written

1 God you have caused to be written your word for our learning;
 grant us that, hearing, our hearts may be inwardly burning,
 Give to us grace, that in your Son we embrace life, all its glory discerning.

2 Now may our God give us joy, and all peace in believing
 all things were written in truth for our thankful receiving,
 As Christ did preach, through all the world love must reach; grant us each day love's
 achieving.

3 Lord, should the powers of the earth and the heavens be shaken,
 grant us to see you in all things, our vision awaken.
 Help us to see, though all the earth cease to be, your truth shall never be shaken.

The Dismissal

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn
 within us while you speak. *See Luke 24.32*

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
 and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.