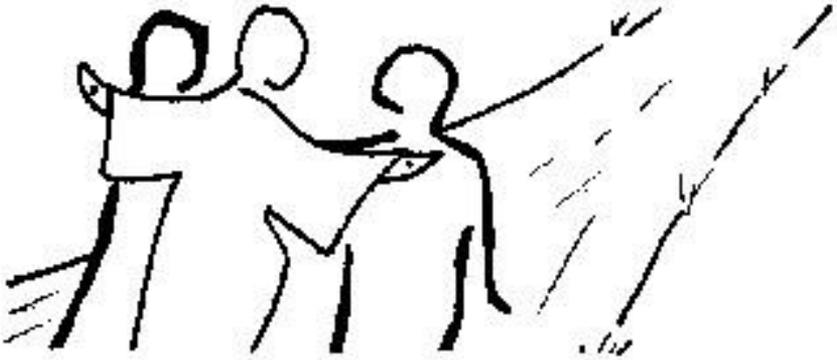


ST. LUKE'S
WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2020

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

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

See Luke 24.32

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.

He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn 216

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head,
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son;
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 I love the Lord *

who has heard the voice of my supplication,

2 who has listened to me *

whenever I called.

3 The cords of death entangled me;

the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: *

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

12 How shall I repay you, O Lord, *

for all the good things you have done for me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the name of the Lord.

14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all the people.

15 Precious in your sight, O Lord *

is the death of your servants.

16 O Lord, I am your servant; *

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all the people of God.

19 In the courts of the house of the Lord, *

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the book of Acts (2:14a, 36-41)

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. Therefore 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:17-23)

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35

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.

Hymn 207

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love, eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthrall!
Thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

This, our gift of Easter joy, sin alone can now destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise, Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

For the whole world as we share in the effects of COVID19 – for essential service workers, health care workers; researchers, those who are ill, those who are quarantined or in isolation and those who are abandoned and alone in this time...

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

The Collect

Risen Christ,
companion on the way:
break through the disillusionment and despair
which cloud our vision,
so that we may find our way and journey on
as messengers of your good news. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn 212

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let songs of praise his triumph tell: alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting they servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: alleluia!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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