

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**Third Sunday After Easter**



**BCP Service of the Word**

Let us pray. [BCP p 622](#)

**Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Lord, keep our thoughts from wandering.**

**Lord, cleanse our hearts that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him. [Ps 96:9](#)

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,  
call ye upon him while he is near. [Isaiah 55:6](#)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**O Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned greatly against thee in  
thought, and word, and deed, and have done that which is wrong in thy sight.  
Forgive us our sins, and give us grace always to resist temptation and to do thy  
holy will; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that we  
may be cleansed from all our Sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord, open thou our lips;

**And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen**

Praise ye the Lord;

**The Lord's name be praised.**

### **1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,  
"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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18**

1 MY delight is in the LORD, / **because he hath  
heard the voice of my prayer;**

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, /  
**therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.**

3 The cords of death compassed me round  
about, / **and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.**

4 I found trouble and heaviness, and I called  
upon the Name of the LORD: / **'O LORD, I  
beseech thee, deliver my soul.'**

11 What reward shall I give unto the LORD / **for  
all the benefits that he hath done unto me?**

- 12 I will take the cup of salvation, / **and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 13 I will pay my vows unto the LORD / **in the presence of all his people.**
- 14 Right dear in the sight of the LORD / **is the death of his saints.**
- 15 Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant: / **I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.**
- 16 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, / **and will call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 17 I will pay my vows unto the LORD / **in the presence of all his people;**
- 18 Even in the courts of the LORD'S house, / **and in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.**

**2nd Reading: 1 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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

*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 be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed. *BCP p 624*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord be with you;

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen**

Collect of the day

Let us pray.

**Lord of the gathering feast,  
you walk with us on the shadowed road:  
burn our hearts with Scripture's open flame;  
unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared,  
and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself;  
through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. Amen.**

O Lord God, who hast bidden light to shine out of darkness, and who hast again wakened us to praise thee for thy goodness and to ask for thy grace: Accept now the offering of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be acceptable to thy holy will. Make us to live as children of the light, and heirs of thy everlasting kingdom. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies, thy whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, and all in our family, wherever they may be, who stand in need of thine aid. Pour down upon us all the riches of thy grace, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, we may ever praise thy wonderful and holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *BCP p 729*

*please name those who are in need of prayer*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, who hast in wisdom seen fit to withhold from us at this time thine accustomed bounty; We most humbly praise thee for still bestowing upon us far more than we deserve. Make us truly thankful for our many blessings; increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, and a humble submission to thy blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *BCP p 619*

O Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget thee, but remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *BCP p 731*

*please remember to mail in your offering to the church or  
consider using the Pre-Authorized Debit system*

Let us pray.

**Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon thy Church in this Parish, that all its members may dwell together in unity and love. Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to dispense thy holy Word and Sacraments, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost. Grant that we may so receive their ministrations, and use thy means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen** *BCP p 736*

O God, Most High and Holy Three in One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We offer to thee this day Ourselves, our souls and bodies, To be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; To whom be all praise and glory. **Amen** [BCP p 729](#)

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen**

[Readings for next Sunday – May 3, 2020](#)

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.