

Third Sunday of Easter– April 26, 2020

GATHERING HYMN – Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ELW 697)

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but thou art
strong: Jesus, keep me
from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but
thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see the risen Christ in our walking, in our breaking bread, and in all our living, even as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Acts 2:14a, 36-42

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. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW #173)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then 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 the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new and gives new life to the whole creation. We pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We thank you for the sustaining goodness of your creation, and we pray for for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness, and we pray for all who work for peace and harmony between nations and peoples. ...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the gifts of relationships with others, and we pray for neighbours, family, friends and strangers, that we might live in generosity and peace with each other. ...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the generosity of those who keep on going to work for our health and safety and daily needs during the Covid crisis, and we pray that you would keep them safe and give them rest when they need it most. ...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for this country that is our home, and we pray for our neighbours in Nova Scotia who live with grief and pain right now. Comfort them in their sorrow, reassure them when things seem so uncertain, and work through us to give them comfort and care. ...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all our sisters and brothers throughout the earth. We pray for those who live in fear of sickness and pandemic, and we pray for those who are poor, have no home, or have no place for safe refuge during this time. ...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are ill, especially the ones we name before you now....and we pray for all who grieve, especially Indra Skuja Grislis and all who mourn the loss of Egil Grislis. ...*(silence)*...God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, and who taught us to pray:

**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 forever. Amen.**



***SENDING HYMN - I'm So Glad Jesus
Lifted Me (ELW 860)***

I'm so glad Jesus lifted
me. I'm so glad Jesus
lifted me. I'm so glad
Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted
me. Satan had me bound, Jesus
lifted me. Satan had me bound,
Jesus lifted me, singing glory,
hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted
me. When I was in trouble, Jesus
lifted me. When I was in trouble,
Jesus lifted me, singing glory,
hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve your neighbour; serve the risen Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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