

Morning Prayer for the Easter Season  
Sunday April 11, 2021, 2nd Sunday of Easter

**A Penitential Order**

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free. **John 8:31-32**

*The presider then says,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour

*A moment of silence*

God of all mercy,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
so that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider:* May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit  
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

**Opening Hymn: Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining**

Lord the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence;  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

### **Introductory Responses**

*Leader:* O Lord, open our lips

*All:* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Leader:* In your resurrection, O Christ,

*All:* **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

*Leader:* Blessed are you, God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.  
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Responary**

*Leader:* Death is swallowed up in victory.

*All:* **Where, O death, is your sting?**

*Leader:* Christ is risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*All:* **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

*Leader:* The trumpet will sound

and the dead shall be raised.

**All: Where, O death, is your sting?**

**Leader:** We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall be changed.

**All: Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death, is your sting?**

**Psalm 133:**

**Leader:** Oh, how good and pleasant it is,\*  
when kindred live together in unity.

**All: It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,\*  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

**Leader:** It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion,\*  
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing;  
life for evermore.

**All: Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things  
return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow  
in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Leader:** Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**Second Reading:** 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**All:**     **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

*(Refrain). We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign. *(Refrain)*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth. *(Refrain)*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name *(Refrain)*

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Sermon:** Mr. John Vaissi Nagy

**Affirmation of Faith. The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Litany**

**Leader:** Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

In the Anglican cycle of prayer today we pray for  
The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and community of Dawson City and the parish of St. Paul's, Dawson and St. Barnabas, Moosehide, for The Klondike Creeks and for those along the Dempster Highway. We pray for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

First Nation. We give thanks, and pray, for The Rev. Dn Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted & Natasha, for The Rev Dn Percy Henry & Mabel, for Licensed Lay Ministers Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson, Mabel Henry and Natasha Henderson.

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

**All: Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.

**All: Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

**All: Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

**All: Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

**All: Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

*A prayer for the nation and people of Myanmar*

Lord of the heavens and the earth,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the rising from the dead of your Son Jesus Christ  
and for the never-ending love he offers us all.  
Grant, we pray, resurrection life to the nation and people of Myanmar,  
that sadness may turn into joy,  
aggression into amity,  
despair into hope,  
and anxiety into calm,  
that the people may be reconciled.  
This we ask in the Name of the Risen Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
One God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Collect**

**O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Leader:** Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, in the language that is closest to your heart, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**All: 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.**

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: Go Light Your World - There Is A Candle**

There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes His home

*(Chorus 1) So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world*

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame

*(Chorus 2). So Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world*

We are a family whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times

*(Chorus 3) So Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world*

*(Final Chorus). Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world*

**The Dismissal.**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Leader:* May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

*All:* **Amen.**