

18 April 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer
The Very Rev. Bert Chestnut and The Ven. Sarah Usher
Music: Anne Coates

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

The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Opening Hymn: All Heaven Declares CCLI 120556

All Heaven Declares

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone
I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant; O God, make speed to save us.

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

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia!**

The Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; **O come, let us worship**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

1st reading Acts 3:13-19 nrsv

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah**

³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴**When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah**

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

Together, let us pray.

Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7 nrsv

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: How Lovely on the Mountains (Our God Reigns) CCLI 8458

**1 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!**

Chorus:

**Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!**

**2 He had no stately form; He had no majesty,
That we should be drawn to Him.
He was despised, and we took no account of Him,
Yet now He reigns with the Most High. [Chorus]**

**3 Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty;
He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know He is alive. [Chorus]**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48 nrsv

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:36b-48

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Rev. Brenda McKnight

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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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

We pray for those in continuing service in the Diocese of Yukon, we also remember Watson Lake (St John the Baptist), Lr Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek (St. Aidan), Dease Lake, Glenora, and Licensed Lay Minister Time Liverton.

We especially remember this morning:-

Our Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame and her family; our Metropolitan Archbishop Lynn McNaughton; our Primate Archbishop Linda Nicholls

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember:-

ACC The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

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!

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

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.

Leader And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to **sing**:

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

Blessing: (optional)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn: Lord the Light of you Love is Shining H460

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 (Chorus)

(Chorus)

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 (Chorus)

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 (Chorus)

Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.