

Third Sunday of Easter

26th April, 2020

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M: You have been born anew; Alleluia;

All: through the living and enduring word of God. Alleluia!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn –

God himself is present *LHS 501*

- 1. God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple,
All within keep silence,
Humbly kneel in deepest reverence.
He alone
On his throne,
Is our God and Saviour;
Praise His name for ever.**

- 2. God Himself is present:
Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding,**

Holy, holy, holy,
Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of Saints' and angels' blending.
Bow your ear
To us here;
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That your Church now raises.

3. Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels
Worshipping before you,
May I ceaselessly adore Thee.
Let your will ever still
Rule your church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

*Music: J. Neander 1650-1680 (1680);
Words: Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769)
Tr. Frederick William Foster, 1789
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L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

C: **We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own
fault.**

Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,

and bring us to eternal life.

Amen.

M: As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication;

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: He has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him;

C: **Christ have mercy.**

M: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people;

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for the assurance of Christ's presence:
Almighty and merciful God,
you made the disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord.
Remind us that he is always with us, and that we now share in his resurrection. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

First Reading – Acts 2:14a,36-41

Three thousand people repent and are baptised

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-23

Set free by the sacrifice of Christ

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.²¹ Through him you

believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Alleluia.

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him. Alleluia.

All: **Were not our hearts burning within us while the Lord was opening the scriptures to us?
Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading – *Luke 24:13-35*

(Spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord,
Light of the world.**

Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they

were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is

true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: (Spoken) Praise to you, O Christ,
raised to live forever.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for revealing yourself in the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread.

Strengthen our faith through your word and sacraments.

Amen.

Hymn – Alleluia Sing to Jesus

LHS 771

- 1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood'.**
- 2. Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,**

'I am with you evermore'?

- 3. Alleluia! bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord onipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
as within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**
- 5. Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood'.**

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Sermon

All: 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Offering Hymn – Immortal invisible God only wise – TIS 143

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**

**most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.**

- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high
soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.**
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small,
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as
leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changes thee.**
- 4. Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render,
O help us to see,
Tis only the splendor of light that hides thee.**

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L: Thank you, eternal Father,
for setting us free through the sacrifice of your Son.
Help us, through your great love for us,
to love and serve one another
and all people.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the church

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

M: May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will

Go in peace. You have been born anew through the living word of God.

All: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,
† and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn – Holy holy holy

LHS 140

- 1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2. Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
thy glory may not see,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before Thee,**

**Which wert and art and evermore
shalt be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness
hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory
may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none
beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

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