



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020
Ante-Communion

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting: The Rev. Michael Perry

Organist: Robin Davis

Mass Setting: Gloria - *A Parish Mass* - Derek Holman

*The flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving
for the life of Lynn Peck, mother of parishioner Carol Peck,
who died peacefully this week in New York City.*

Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.



The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Meditation on *This Joyful Eastertide*

Nancy Nourse, *Flautist*

Hymn 216 *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

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FULBERT

The Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria sung by all

With vigour ♩ = 132 *f*

Glo - ry to God - in - the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

9 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

14 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your — glo - ry.

20 *p* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

26 take a - way the sin of the world: — have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

32 *rit.* — — — — right hand — of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

37 *A tempo* *f* For you a - lone — are — the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the

43 Lord, you a - lone are the Most - High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

48 *rit.* — — — — Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, — A - - - men.

The Collect

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *Acts 2.14a,36-41*

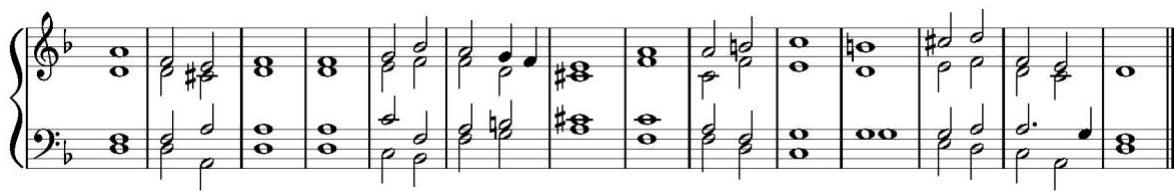
Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116 (vs. 1-3, 10-18) *Dilexi, quoniam* Sung



- 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 a ' bout, /
 * and the pains of ' hell gat ' hold up ' on me.
- 10 I trusted even when I spake; but I was ' sore ' troubled: /
 * I said in my ' haste, 'All ' then are ' liars.'
- 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 · sal ' vation, /
 * and call up ' on 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 up ' on 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.

Second Lesson *1 Peter 1.17-23*

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *On the Journey to Emmaus*

NETTLETON

On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone.
The One who would save us had left us alone.
Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise,
He opens our stories and he opens our eyes.

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way.
How all that was promised was ours on that day
So we begged him, "Stay with us and grant us your word."
We welcomed the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.

And that evening at the table as he blessed and broke bread,
We saw it was Jesus arising from the dead;
Though he vanished before us we knew he was near
The life in our dying and the hope in our fear.

On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
With Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:
And his words burn within us let none be ignored
Who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.

The Holy Gospel *Luke 24.13-35*

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

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.

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Apostle's Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **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.**

Anthem: *O For a Closer Walk with Thee*

C.V. STANFORD

*O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb!*

*Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the lamb.*

Intercessions

The intentions are offered, then the Easter litany is prayed.

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

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!

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn: *Let us Be Bread*

Thomas Porter

Concluding Prayers

Lord's Prayer – said together

**All 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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Hymn *All My Hope on God Is Founded*

MICHAEL

All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew.
 Me through change and chance he guideth,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown, he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
 sword and crown betray his trust;
 what with care and toil he buildeth,
 tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power, hour by hour,
 is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
 deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 splendour, light, and life attend him,
 beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore from his store
 new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 his desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand at his hand;
 joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Postlude *Sonata #1 in F minor – Allegro Moderato e serioso*
MENDELSSOHN

FELIX



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