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The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Sunday 3 May 2020

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Songs of Praise ¶All sing

“Give me joy in my heart”

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
 give me joy in my heart, I pray;
 give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
 keep me praising till the break of day:

Refrain **Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
 Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
 Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
 Sing hosanna to the King.**



Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
 give me peace in my heart, I pray;
 give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
 keep me loving till the break of day: *Refrain*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 give me love in my heart, I pray;
 give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 keep me serving till the break of day: *Refrain*

“He is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord;
 he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord;
 every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is life, he is life;
 he has died to set us free and he is life;
 and he calls us all to live evermore,
 for Jesus Christ is life.



The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Reflections on the Gospel for the Day

St John 16

In John's Gospel we hear Jesus' words to his disciples, as he prepares to leave them. Anticipating that their lives without his physical presence will be difficult he offers them reassurance as he tells them that when he goes the Spirit of Truth will then be sent to them and that this Spirit will guide them into all truth.

Yet we also read, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.” Jesus knew what they could handle and what they could not, and so we have to conclude that in our lives as Christians there will be times when aspects of our understanding just have to wait. As our spiritual lives grow and develop, our understanding develops in phases and stages.

Put another way, this text is encouraging us that as Christians we are asked to stay open to fresh encounters with the revelation of Jesus, receptive to Spirit-guided growth as God's Spirit presents itself into both our lives and into the world around us. As the world around us changes and new circumstances and questions arise in the Church and society in which we find ourselves, are we willing to engage the questions? Are we daring enough to dance with the questions?

From the website of Trinity Anglican Church, Ontario

| The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lesson

Genesis 45. 3 - 10

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be ploughing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast.

Responsorial Psalm 112

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UqqlqZfk6E&t=57s>

Response: *Happy are they who fear the Lord!*

The Epistle

I St. Peter 2.11-17

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your behaviour seemly among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may, by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

The Holy Gospel

St. John 16.16-22

JESUS said to his disciples, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me? Verily, verily I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall

come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said,
“Peace be with you.” Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

Invocation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JY9S-i2ESHY>

Surrexit dominus vere,
Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia

The Lord is risen indeed.
Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia.

Taizé chant by JACQUES BERTHIER (1923 - 1994)

|The Prayers of the People|

Lord our God, we pray for your world. Heal and restore us in Thy image. We pray for our Government and all world leaders as they seek ways in which to manage the pandemic. Help them to govern wisely and justly. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we pray for your Church, for Prem Chand our Moderator, Dharmaraj, Moderator of the Church of South India, Josph Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we pray for our City administration, and all who are in the front line fighting this pandemic. We pray for all health workers, the police force and all those who are providing essential services. We especially pray for all migrant workers and those who are displaced at this time. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we pray for all those who suffer because they are ill, anxious, sad or lonely. Pray for all in the Cathedral family who are separated from their loved ones at this time. We pray for the security guards in the Cathedral who have been away from their families since the lockdown began. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’. Be with us today, as we offer ourselves to you. Hear our prayers and keep us in your care. **Amen.**

|The Liturgy of the Lord’s Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly

“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,

although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”



|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyterian

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

“He lives” A.H. ACKLEY (1887 - 1960)

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

Refrain He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last. *Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind. *Refrain*



The Dismissal

Presbyter With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † God's healing hand on all those who are infected with COVID-19.
- † all doctors, nurses, ward boys, laboratory technicians and all health care workers.
- † the healing of our world and an end to the pandemic.
- † in the Diocese: for the Church of Brethren, Dhanu Road and the Revd Sanjay Salvi.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Kolhapur and the Rt Revd Sandeep Vibhute.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Coimbatore Nilgiris and the Rt Revd Timothy Ravindran.
- † the Church in Japan and the Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu.
- † all in the Cathedral community, especially for God's healing hand on Surekha Salvi.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Nalina Sathia Raj (3), Pratik Kachhap (4), Allen Moses (4), Alina Philip (4),
Sathia Solomonraj (4), Kamal Jadhav (5), Priya David (9), Aarvind Charles (9)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Rajeev & Alfreda Ohol (7), Reuben & Kamal Jadhav (8)

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