

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2020

During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, where we have been shut out of our church and unable to gather, we have been doing our best to increase our digital church identity so that we can stay in touch with you, providing a sense of church to the parish family and the wider community.

We began with the creation of this website and I am now happy to announce that St. Hugh & St. Edmund has its' own YouTube channel!

Starting with this week you will now be able to watch videos of our services right on YouTube.

The online service for tomorrow, the Third Sunday of Easter, is available now and can be found here:

[St. Hugh & St. Edmund YouTube channel.](#)

To help facilitate your worship experience while watching the service a resource package is available that includes a service outline, readings for the day, transcript of the sermon and a list of the hymns shown during the service. Those worship resources can be found on the following pages.

Starting next Sunday the online service for each week will be published on the YouTube channel **beginning at 11am Sunday morning** and linked to this page of the website.

So please visit our YouTube channel and subscribe to it so that you will receive notices of any new content when it comes out!

Blessings to you and your family,

Rev. Jason

St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton

April 26, 2020: The Third Sunday of Easter

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Officiant 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.

Glory to God

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.
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.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word, the Sermon and Hymns

*Please refer to the following pages for this Sunday's readings, a transcript of the sermon,
and links to hymns for today's service.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

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. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 36 "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 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?" 38 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. 39 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." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

PSALM

Refrain I will lift up the cup of salvation. 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life." **R** 10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. **R** 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. **R** 14 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. **R** 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! **R** PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

17 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. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 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. 22 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. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. 1 PETER 1:17-23

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO LUKE

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 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?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Je-sus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and cruci-fied him. 21 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. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 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. 24 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." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scrip-tures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, say-ing, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he van-ished from their sight. 32 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?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gath-ered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:13-35

Prayer over the gifts: Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Prayer after communion: Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. **Amen.**

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-The 24th and final chapter of the Gospel of Luke describes some of the events that happened in the days after the death of Jesus.

-It begins with the account of the empty tomb and concludes with Jesus ascending into the clouds.....and in-between it describes some episodes in which the risen Jesus appeared to his followers.

-In the way that Luke describes the scenes we get the picture that the disciples were convinced that this must be the spirit or the ghost of Jesus appearing before them.

-I mean they knew....and some of them had even seen.....Jesus die on the Cross!

-How could it be Him here now?

-We heard last week how Thomas had a hard time believing the stories that Jesus had returned from the grave.....until he experienced it for himself.

-And today we have just heard the story of two of the disciples who, while walking along the road to a town called Emmaus, encountered a stranger who they invited to join them.

-We are told that these men were returning from Jerusalem dejected because all of the hopes and dreams that were tied up in the man Jesus had been dashed with his crucifixion.

-But then as this stranger walked with them he explained from the Jewish scriptures how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Messiah and that he was supposed to die in order to accomplish his work.

-Eventually they reached their destination and invited the stranger to dine with them. Once the stranger blessed and broke bread they recognized that it was Jesus, and He vanished.

-And these two men ran to tell the other disciples of what had just happened.

-And it was no short journey. The passage tells us that it was a 7 mile distance.

-That's 11 kms.....so they covered 22 kms in the day.

-This is similar to the distance of each segment that Melissa and I walked on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain a couple of year ago.....and it took us most of the day to walk it!

-But these men were too excited to wait until morning....they had to tell the others that they now understood what had happened over the last couple of days....they now understood the true meaning of the Messiah...and that Jesus was indeed he.

-Now, if we were to read past the verses assigned to us today in chapter 24 we would hear Luke tell us that after the men reached the others and stories of Jesus' appearances were shared among them....that Jesus himself appeared.

-And Luke describes some of the ways in which Jesus confronted the disciples' skepticism that day.

-He showed them His hands and feet to prove that he was flesh and blood.

-And if that didn't go far enough He ate a piece of fish in their presence.

-These two actions were clearly intended to dispel any notion that Jesus was a ghost or a figment of the imagination.

-These actions of Jesus helped the disciples understand the triumph over the grave....they saw and interacted with the risen Lord.

-It is an incredible story that is an important part of our Easter season.

-However, for us as believers now....all of these centuries later.....we don't have the same opportunity of interacting with Jesus in that way.

-We do not get to see the living Christ before us, we cannot touch his wounds, and we cannot bring him food to eat.

-We have to rely on our faith...we are called to believe without seeing as Jesus called it in our gospel passage of last Sunday.

-We are called not just to believe and have faith in the risen Lord and his triumph over the grave....but to believe in ourselves.....and in others.

-And that can be tough.....look at the tragedies and hardships that are all around us every day.

-In these past few months the pain, suffering and death that has come with this pandemic has seemed overwhelming at times.

-And I'm sure that many have wondered how there can be hope in such a world.

-However, as Christians we know that we are in the season of Easter....we have just a few weeks ago celebrated the resurrection of Jesus....we are Easter people!

-And even though sometimes it may not seem it by looking at the state of the world....there is hope.

-Our hope resides in that same Jesus who appeared on the road to Emmaus.

-St. John in the 3rd chapter of his First letter laid out this hope in these words:

'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. Beloved, 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.'

-Think for a second how powerful these words are.

-These words are coming from John who was a witness to the risen Lord....who had that incredible experience of speaking with....eating with....touching with his own hands....the resurrected Jesus.

-He is saying that we will see Jesus as he is!

-It is true that we may not be able to touch the wounds or sit down at the table with the physical Jesus.

-But he is present to all of us just as strongly now as he was then.

-And Jesus himself laid out some of the ways in which he is present to us.

-He taught the disciples that day on the road to Emmaus that by reading the Scriptures we encounter him.

-At the Last Supper with his friends he said that by breaking bread together....as we do during Holy Communion.....we have him standing among us.

-And on the occasion of Pentecost....which we will celebrate in a few short weeks.....when the Holy Spirit was poured out into the world....Jesus became present in the hearts and minds of all who believe in his name.

-Now if that isn't a true presence of the Lord with us....then I don't know what is!

-When Jesus appeared to those disciples on that day long ago, he came to show that they didn't have to doubt only believe.

-As we strive to create in our parish.....in our community....and in our world....places of love and trust and welcome....we encounter Jesus just as surely as those disciples did in the locked room.

-When we think of all of the heroic work of our front-line workers during this Covid-19 crisis....including many of you reading this right now.....we see in those self-less acts the presence of Jesus.

-And knowing and believing that Jesus is present to us is not only important for our own faith and happiness but also because of the words Jesus left the disciples with that day.

-He didn't just come to help his disciples believe that he was indeed alive but he said 'You are witnesses of these things.'...' that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in my name to all nations...'

-We are the witnesses; we are the messengers that are called to carry this message....not as a burden....but with joy and hope.

-We are to be the ones to dispel the doubts of those who don't know Christ; we are to be the ones to reach out and to do more.

-Because when it comes down to it, we are all followers of Christ and we are his example to the world.

-And that is how we experience the risen Jesus in our time....that is the meaning of the resurrection....of new life.....and that is the hope of which we are a part.

AMEN.

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“Jerusalem The Golden”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vh5QdbYKX4>

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7W6gxLXASg>

“O Praise Ye the Lord”:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kt1_ZM_ktU

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic

and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Easter Season

(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!

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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.

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.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins in water,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

The Doxology

Officiant 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.

The Blessing

Officiant May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.