



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 26 April 2020, 11am

in a time of national and global emergency precautions to resist the spread of the coronavirus pandemic

WELCOME TO THE EUCHARIST **live streamed from Limpsfield Rectory - Parish Office**

*A warm welcome to you all joining us from home on Facebook Live
Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

*Today's Mass setting is the Mass for Four Voices by William Byrd
(published 1594).*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*NEH 103*)

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807 - 85)
Music: Lux Eoi - Arthur Sullivan (1842 - 1900)

GREETING

† In the name of God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

KYRIE CONFESSION

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice
by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Glory to God in the highest...)

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

St Luke 24: 13-35

On that same day two of the disciples 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 recognising 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.

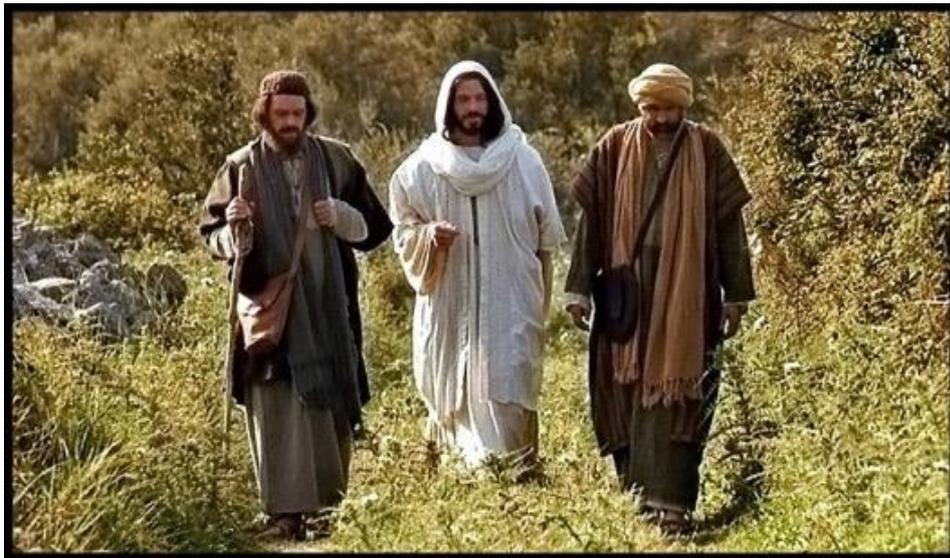
As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, *'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.'* So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Sarah Paxton



THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
**in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

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
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

**we may share the peace with those family members around us,
or by writing in the comment box below**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing
your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:
Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy Lord...)

Benedictus (Blessed is he who comes...)

Father of all,
we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends to
celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread
and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us
and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit upon us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God...)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living 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 all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.**
Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN (SP 309)

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all...

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God...

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days...

Words: Ernest Sands (b. 1949)

Music: Ernest Sands (b. 1949) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947) arranged by Paul Inwood (b. 1947)

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
be among you and remain with you this day and always.
Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work
within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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