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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Celebrant: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

People: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. Luke 24.32

VENITE

PSALM 95.1–7

Celebrant: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Celebrant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

People: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Celebrant: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great king above all gods.

Celebrant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

People: and the heights of the hills are his also.

Celebrant: The sea is his for he made it,

People: and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Celebrant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

People: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

Celebrant: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

People: Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE PSALMS

PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
Selah

But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READINGS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF JOHN 3:1-7

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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:36B-48

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Earth day – living a life of repentance

We need to take care not to make the Christian faith so human or anthro-centric that we fail to realise that God's loving relationship extends to all that God has created and that we are called to love all that God loves. As I remarked on Wednesday, the love of God expressed in the incarnation, passion and resurrection of Christ is extended to all the world/*kosmos*/created order that all things may be reconciled in Christ.

In Genesis 1 we are repeatedly reminded that each thing that God creates is good – that it is created with and for love and set apart for God's intended purpose (it is holy). And it is in that context that we have the intention of God in creating humans (Genesis 1: 26b-30), "and let them (humans) have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ... "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so."

To have dominion over something means to be entrusted with it by another for its care. In other words, it is to love it, care for it, steward it in a way that reflects the same amount of love and devotion as the one who entrusted it to us. It is in this sense that we are the stewards or custodians of creation. That God has entrusted us

to care for it with the same set of valuse that God places upon it – as something good that needs to be loved and treated as God’s own.

Wendell Berry put it this way, “The ecological teaching of the Bible is simply inescapable: God made the world because He wanted it made. He thinks that the world is good, and He loves it. It is His world; He has never relinquished title to it. And He has never revoked the conditions, bearing on His gift to us of the use of it, that obliges us to take excellent care of it. If God loves the world, then how might any person of faith be excused for not loving it or justified in destroying it?”

The word repentance – *metanioa* – means to turn around or a redirect. It contains within it this sense of making a correction of direction through the will. In Acts 3 (vs. 19) Peter, in addressing the crowd, says to them “Repent therefore, and turn to God ...” It is a call to shift from one point of focus to another. The problem with that turning is the recognition that the direction we were going in is wrong – and that is the tough bit for most of us.

While many of us might get the emotional appeal of saving whales or looking after cuddly pandas, we might struggle to recognise that when we consume for the sake of consumption that this is wrong or a sin. We might struggle to recognise that when we toss a cigarette butt out the window or toss our toxic waste in the trash or leave the lights burning when we are not in the room or consume phantom power through our appliances that this might be sin – an unloving act to that which God loves. The added difficulty is that many of these issues fall into those grey areas of ethics where we feel bogged down by the complexity of detail or where it seems so profoundly removed from us.

But what is the intention of repentance? The intention of repentance is always to bring us back into right relationship with God, ourself, our neighbour and all that God has entrusted to us. The question might be, “How does this action impact the relationship that I have with this being or thing?”

For example, is my relationship with this being or thing that I consume defined by love and care or is it defined by some unhealthy understanding that treated this being or thing as simply an object for my consumption? Is my consumption of a piece of chicken or meat defined by my lack of concern for its own welfare or care? Is my consumption of electricity defined by an uncaring or unloving relationship to those things that are damaged because of that consumption?

As we look towards earth day this week might we be reminded that we need to live in right relationship or reconciled existence to all that God has made and entrusted us with. And where we recognise ourselves as not being in right relationship of reconciled existence with someone or something that we exercise our will to re-orientate ourselves accordingly. Pray God that we might learn to be good stewards of all of God’s creation.

People: Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**People: 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.

I 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.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

People: forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

People: forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

People: forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

People: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

People: forgive us and help us.

Let us pray to God, that God will bring to fruition all that God desires for God's creation.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another. Divine Spark and Creator, in your mercy, hear us.

You have given humans a rich land, a land of streams and springs, wheat and barley, vines and oil and honey. We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow. We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty. Divine Communion and Sustainer, in your mercy, hear us.

In Christ you call us to a new way of life, loving our neighbours before ourselves. Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be when your kingdom comes and your will is done. Thank you for those, living and departed, who have shown a true respect for your creation ... Help us to follow in their footsteps, until, with them, we see you face to face, where all is made new

in Christ our Lord. God of Grace and Mercy, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: **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.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NOTICES

BLESSING:

Celebrant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Simon Bell
Video: Simon Bell/David Paradis

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Jeremiah Sullivan; AJ; Dorothy & Chuck; People of St. Vincent; Carl; Mark & Erin; Amy Pauley & Family; Wendy; Adara; Jean Glionna; Sarah & Dee; Kaus; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Bobby Paradis & Family; Marg Thomas & Family; Lyon's Family; Jodine; Lynda Raye; Frank Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Edison's Family & his Teacher who has Covid; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Ron & Jane Lewis; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Sean; Kevin H.; Sophia L; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Marilyn Foley; Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Mark & Winnie; Staff and Residence at Roberta Place; Brian W.; Cecilia Mowat; Jen Galicinski; Sheri Scott; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Amy P. & Family; Marg Abbott; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Margaret & Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Martin & Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Church of Ireland

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

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