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St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service -

Easter III - April 26, 2020

[Un-bolded words are said by one, **Bolded words** can be said by all.]

Hymn (Video): *How I Love You* (MP #246)(<http://www.stlukesgp.ca/st-lukes-blog>)

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God, 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Lord, open our lips, **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.** **Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

***Christ Our Passover*** *1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* **therefore let us keep the feast,** Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \* **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \* **death no longer has dominion over him.** The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* **but the life he lives, he lives to God.** So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* **and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead, \* **the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.** For since by a man came death, \* **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.** For as in Adam all die, \* **so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

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.**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A reading from the book of Acts Chapter 2:14a, 36-41.

*14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say…*

*36Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*

*37Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38Peter 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. 39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” 40And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.*

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1–4, 12-19

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.** The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \* **I came to grief and sorrow.** Then I called upon the name of the Lord: \* **“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”** Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \* **our God is full of compassion.** How shall I repay the Lord \* **for all the good things he has done for me?** I will lift up the cup of salvation \* **and call upon the name of the Lord.** I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \* **in the presence of all his people.** Precious in the sight of the Lord \* **is the death of his servants.** O Lord, I am your servant; \* **I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.** I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* **and call upon the name of the Lord.** I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \* **in the presence of all his people.** In the courts of the Lord’s house, \* **in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

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.**

A Reading from the first letter of St. Peter, Chapter 1:17-23.

*17If 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. 18You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21Through 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.*

*22Now 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. 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.*

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (Video): *I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say* (CP #508)(<http://www.stlukesgp.ca/st-lukes-blog>)

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Luke (24:13-35)

**Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*13Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18Then 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?” 19He 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, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But 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. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and 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. 24Some 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.” 25Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

*28As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But 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. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They 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?” 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

The Gospel of Christ: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Sermon (See St. Luke’s Blog: <http://www.stlukesgp.ca/st-lukes-blog>)

The Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”*

*For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of the Risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of Himself, and in Him find the abundant life that He offers us all, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy****.*

*For our families and friends, that the Lord will keep them safe, nourish and calm their spirits, and give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, especially remembering those most challenged and harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, lead them through this extremely difficult time, and would stir up the hearts of His people to offer their support and help however then can, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For those whose lives were lost or darkened by the violent attack last weekend in Nova Scotia, that the Lord will uphold all those who suffer and cause them to share in His everlasting peace, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For Canada our country, for our leadership, our citizens, and all who live with us in this land, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, safety, and virtue, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the whole human family, especially those facing extreme poverty, famine, violence, insecurity, and for those with the means to help and care for our neighbours, that we may live together in justice and peace, and work for the wellbeing of all, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*We pray for our Bishop & diocesan leaders… our clergy and people… our loved ones and neighbours… and especially those who have requested our prayers.*

[***Offer our own prayers and petitions, either silently or aloud. Our weekly prayer list can be found in this week’s bulletin.***]

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages.* ***Amen.***

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.***

The Lord’s Prayer

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

**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.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (Video): *God Whose Almighty Word:* (CP #560)(<http://www.stlukesgp.ca/st-lukes-blog>)

Dismissal

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. **Amen**.