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St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service

**The Second Sunday of Easter** - April 24, 2022

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

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*

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.**

Hymn: *Holy Holy Holy* (CP #1)

**MORNING PRAYER**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. 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!**

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

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A reading from the book of Acts 5:27–32.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

Psalm 118:14–29

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*

**and he has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

**in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

**the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

**the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”**

I shall not die, but live, \*

**and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*

**but he did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

“This is the gate of the Lord; \*

**he who is righteous may enter.”**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing, \*

**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted; \*

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*

**Lord, send us now success.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*

**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*

**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*

**you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

Glory be 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 book of Revelation 1:4–8.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Canticle 26 - *You are God*

*You are God: we praise you;*

*you are the Lord: we acclaim you;*

***you are the eternal Father:***

***all creation worships you.***

*To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,*

*Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

*The glorious company of apostles praise you.*

*The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.*

***The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.***

***Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:***

*Father, of majesty unbounded,*

***your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,***

***and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.***

*You, Christ, are the King of Glory,*

*the eternal Son of the Father.*

***When you became man to set us free***

***you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.***

*You overcame the sting of death*

*and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

***You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.***

***We believe that you will come, and be our judge.***

*Come then, Lord, and help your people,*

*bought with the price of your own blood,*

***and bring us with your saints***

***to glory everlasting.***

*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.***

Hymn: *Come & Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace* (CP #402)

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (20:19-31).

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

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**

*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,*

[***Our weekly prayer list can be found in this week’s bulletin.***]

*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!***

*We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.*

*[****Silence. Take a moment to offer up your own thanksgivings to God.****]*

*We will exalt you, O God our king;* ***And praise your name for ever and ever.***

*O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.*

*Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.****Amen.***

*God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia, and all who are facing the horrors of war.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,*

*that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,*

*for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.* ***Amen.***

Collect

*Almighty and eternal God,*

*the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, 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: *Come You Sinners, Poor & Needy* (CP #608)

Dismissal

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing

through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. Alleluia!**