**Morning Prayer for the second sunday of easter**

***April 19, 2020***

**The Gathering of the Community**

**Introductory Responses**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Let us praise our God

**who has given us life and hope**

**by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

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

O God, you have claimed us as your own

**and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt

and led them to freedom in the promised land,

so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness

and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,

rejoice in this new day you have made

and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

 Hymn: CP #211 – Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing, verses 1 and 2.

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing;
Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!

Sing songs of praise along his way;

Let all the earth rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**The Reading**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32** *New Revised Standard Version*

But 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.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

 moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

 or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,

 nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 16** (*Inclusive Language Psalter)*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,**

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,**

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the Lord always before me; because you are at my side I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Gospel Reading**

*Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.*

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 Jewish authorities, 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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?*

*What does this story have to say to you today?*

**Homily: The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Hear, O Israel,**

**the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your heart,**

**with all your soul,**

**with all your mind,**

**and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

**The Prayers of the Community**

**The Litany**

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; that the whole church of God may be an agent of hope and healing during this time of anxiety and sickness, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

For our own needs and those of others. For governments as they make decisions in unprecedented circumstances, for their advisors; for health care workers and those in other front line occupations; for people who have lost their livelihood; for all who are sick, all who are fearful and anxious, all who are dying; for those who grieve ...

*Silence. People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

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

*Silence. People may add their own thanksgivings*

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

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. People may name their remembered dead.*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

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,**

**accept our prayers, and be with us always.**

**Amen.**

**The Collect**

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Rejoicing in God’s new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Sending Forth of the Community**

**Hymn: CP #210 Yours (or Thine!) Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son**

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Endless is the victory over death you won.

Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded graveclothes where your body lay.

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Endless is the victory over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

For her Lord is living, death has lost its sting!

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Endless is the victory over death you won.

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life,

What is life without you? Aid us in our strife;

Make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Endless is the victory over death you won.

**The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen**.

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*This liturgy was taken from the new morning and evening offices prepared for seasonal use, as adopted by General Synod in 2019.*

**Prayers**

The following are for your prayers this week

**In our own Diocese**: Pray for Melissa, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Stephen, Archdeacon; and

Patrick, Regional Dean; for the North Vancouver Regional Ministry Team and churches. For Linda, our

Primate; for Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for the Parishes of St Anselm, Vancouver; St George, Maple Ridge; St George, Fort Langley; and St Mark, Ocean Park.

**For the wider Church**: For the Diocese of the Southern Highlands, Tanzania. For the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. For Bishop Brent Alawas, the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, specifically for our partner Parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo – its ministry and mission; and for all Churches of North Vancouver.

**In our Parish community**: for Philippa, our Priest; for Elizabeth and Peggy, our Deacons; for the Wardens, Philip and Phoebe. For the staff: Lynley and Yvonne; and Lay Leaders: Lorna, Delayne, Paul, and Deborah. For the Youth and Children’s ministries in our parish – teachers, children, and teens.

**In our parish cycle of prayers**: for David Smith; Larry and Jeanette Terrace; Art and Linda Tinker; and Ian Thomas; and their families.

**For healing**: Pray for Beth Bailey; Fiona; Colleen and Matt Foster; Jack Griffiths; Marjorie Jeffries; Michael Jeffries; Lynda Mills; Joyce Oswald; Suzi Smith; Vanessa; Kevin Zakus; and for their families and caregivers.

**In the neighbourhood**: For the residents, nursing staff, care aides, and administration at Lynn Valley Care Centre and Lynn Valley Lodge, Cedarview, and for all seniors’ care homes in our community.

**For Outreach**: for all newcomers to Canada: for Saber and his family, Honada, Said and family; for Bukhari; for Neema Grace, Malis *(pronounced Ma-lees)* and his family, for Fatemeh, Nasrullah, and Nazrin and family.

For the community groups that use our building, that they may be weathering this time of absence safely and well.

**Scripture readings for Sunday, April 26, 2020**

Acts 2 : 14a, 36 – 41 / Psalm 116 : 1 – 3, 10 – 17 / 1 Peter 1 : 17 – 23 / Luke 24 : 13 – 35