

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 19 APR 2020

## THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

JOHN 20:19-31



St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church  
Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

**Celebrant:** The Rev Ayoob Adwar  
**Preacher:** The Ven Bruce Morris  
**Musician:** Katherine Hume

**Reader:** Amelia Foster  
**Prayers:** written by Stephanie Moul  
read by Kevin Rolston

### 657 Opening Hymn ..... Loving Spirit

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—  
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,  
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:  
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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## Greeting

*Celebrant* Alleluia Christ is Risen!

**PEOPLE Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**PEOPLE And also with you.**

*Celebrant* In this time and place,  
we gather on the ancestral territory of the shisháalh Nation.

**PEOPLE From many places and peoples  
we come to this house of prayer.**

*Celebrant* In this time and place, together, one people of God.

**PEOPLE In the name of God,  
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Glory to God

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,  
**ALL and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated on the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God,

**ALL 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 Proclamation of the Word ✠

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32..... Amelia Foster

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘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.**

**Psalm 16** *All read together*

- 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.**

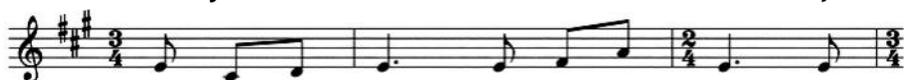
**Glory to God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9..... Amelia Foster

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

## 244 Gradual Hymn ..... We Walk by Faith



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
 2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And  
 4. That when our life of faith is done In



gra - cious words we hear From him who spoke as  
 fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound; To call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.  
 we re - joice, And cry "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, And seek where you are found:  
 as you are In full and end - less sight.

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## The Gospel John 20:19-31

*Deacon* May God be with you

**PEOPLE** And also with you

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**PEOPLE** 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ

**PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**..... The Ven Bruce Morris

### **An Affirmation of Faith**

*Celebrant* Let us affirm our resurrection faith

**ALL We believe in the power of Christ  
to overcome all deaths,  
deaths in us and death in the world.  
We believe in life which rises in freedom  
and carries us in joy towards grace  
beyond our imagining,  
calling our spirits to soar in freedom  
with wings of hope  
borne high in the wonder of Easter Day.  
The gift of life will never be taken from us.  
The costly life of God  
will be our company for ever and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Spirit of love, in the midst of isolation, of the COVID19 health crisis, life has shifted dramatically on a global scale. This time of isolation is deeply comforting for some, but creates deep anxiety for others. This virus is a great leveler, but it keeps comfort out of reach for many. Let us trust in the presence of the peace that Jesus offers to all life. We are grateful for the Easter message that invites us once again to come

and find life right where we are, just as we are, with all we have and all we must do without. Wherever we go, light follows us. Wherever we are, love reaches us. Within the isolation, Holy Presence is fully present within us.

*Holy One of Love, Hear our hearts*

May all who carry the load of essential services, medical care, food supplies be given our support. Thank you for all the staff at our grocery stores, our police and paramedics, doctors, nurses and those who keep going to keep us going. Theirs is work that requires long hours, isolation from family and putting themselves at risk of becoming infected. Give them energy and strength. Encourage and support Ayoob, Bruce, Mike, Carol, Jill, Katherine, and Karen as they lead and support the St Hilda's family. May small communities, that often have very little medical support, be given supplies and support in their battle with the virus. We ask specifically for isolated Indigenous communities that live with so many layers of trauma. Let compassion and justice flow into their lives. May we become people of a deeper level of compassion and justice when we come out of this time of isolation. In our social justice cycle of prayer we ask for courage for the Primates Commission on Discovery Reconciliation and Justice.

*Holy One of Love, Hear our hearts*

We speak together those named on our prayer list:

**Michele Beaudry, Gary & Ella Evans, Fred Hibbard  
Phil Hopkins, Janet McConnell, Tom Pape, Lorelei Reier  
Sher & Morrie Sacks, Donna Walsh Wheeldon**

You may also add the name of anyone dear to you, either silently or aloud.

We also lift up who are homebound or in residential care:

**Evelyn Harrison, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar,  
Barbara Pearson, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie**

*Holy One of Love, Hear our hearts*

Let us be people of resurrection who carry hope, compassion, joy and justice as we move through life. Hope is the deepest presence of the Holy within every human. Hope that changes how we see. Let us befriend this hope as we wait out this time of change. When we emerge from this cocooning tomb may we have eyes to see what will change and trust what is good, true and life-giving. May we be people of resurrection and become transformed into a deeper and fuller life that embodies the love, compassion and joy that Jesus shows us.

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

~ *Silence is kept.* ~

Most merciful God,

**ALL 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.**

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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**PEOPLE And also with you.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* God of grace,  
**PEOPLE you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

### Doxology

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
**PEOPLE Whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

### 210 Closing Hymn..... *Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son*

1. 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 grave-clothes where your body lay.  
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.
2. 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.

## Dismissal



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## PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

<b>Anglican Communion</b>	The Church of Ireland
<b>Diocese &amp; Partners</b>	<p>St. Anselm, Vancouver - The Rev Alex Wilson                  St. George, Maple Ridge - The Rev David Edgerton,                  The Rev Melody Pearson                  St. George, Fort Langley - The Rev Kelly Duncan,                  The Rev Eileen Nurse, The Rev Karen Saunders                  St. Mark, Ocean Park</p> <hr/> <p>Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinned with St. Hilda's)                  Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, &amp; the Clergy &amp;                  People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines                  BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr</p>
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Foster Parents
<b>Parish Ministries</b>	Office Administrator & Office Volunteers
<b>Justice Umbrella</b>	Primates Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation & Justice Sunshine Coast siiyaya Reconciliation Movement
<b>Prayer Requests</b>	<p>Michele Beaudry: recovering from hip surgery                  Fred Hibbard: comfort and peace                  Phil Hopkins: strength &amp; peace while healing                  Janet McConnell                  Tom Pape &amp; family: grieving loss of sister, Lynda                  Lorelei Reier: comfort &amp; strength while undergoing treatment                  Sher &amp; Morrie Sacks: comfort &amp; encouragement                  Donna Walsh Wheeldon: heart disease investigation</p>
<b>Rest in Peace</b>	Lynda (Pape)
<b>Residential Care/ Home Bound</b>	Evelyn Harrison, Marjorie Lanskaill, Maria Mahar, Barbara Pearson, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie