

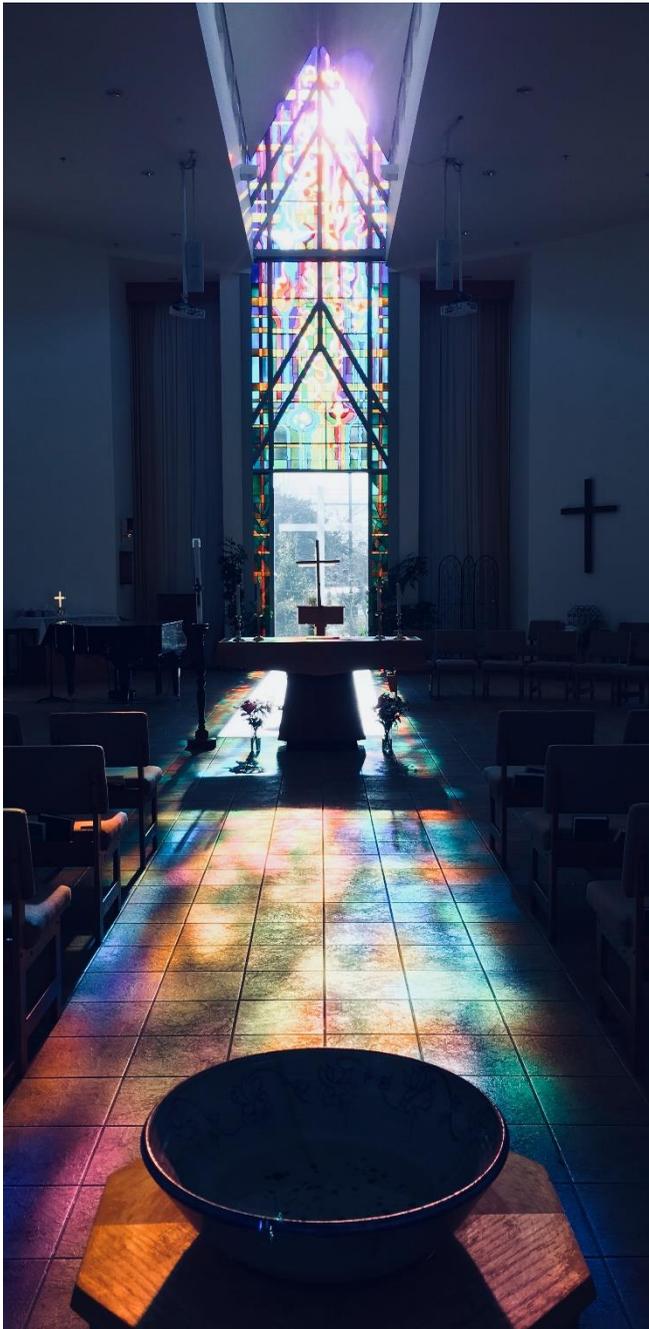
# Sung Evening Prayer

*with Cathy Hardy & friends*



*a ministry of*  
the Parish of St. Dunstan  
April 26, 2020





Dear friends,

We have been separated at this time in order to protect the vulnerable among us. Thank you for your loving-kindness for your neighbour.

Our gathering, though online, is still the gathering of God's Beloved Children. And God's Beloved Children know that space and time does not separate us from one another when we are connected in the love of Christ. We are together. Let us take comfort in that tonight.

The Easter proclamation of the early church is still as important today as it was then. It is still as profound today as it was then. It is still as true today as it was then.

Christ is alive and in the presence of God praying for the wellbeing of this world. We join him and the saints before us to give thanks and to offer our prayers for the world God has made.

In all things, let us give thanks and dedicate ourselves to the love of neighbour we are especially called to show at this time, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Helper. Amen.

the Reverend David Taylor  
*Rector of the Parish of St. Dunstan*

*We ask that you turn your camera off for the duration of the service. At the conclusion of the service we will offer a chance to greet one another.*

*Welcome & Prayer*

*Song*            **Stay here & keep watch with me.  
The hour has come.  
Stay here & keep watch with me.  
Watch & pray.**

*Song*            **We wait in the silence, we wait in the darkness,  
we wait in the spaces unknown.  
We hope in the silence, we hope in the darkness,  
we hope in the spaces unknown.  
We sing in the silence, we sing in the darkness,  
we sing in the spaces unknown.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah**

*Prayer*            Holy Spirit, come and breathe upon the worries that can keep us far from  
you. And enable us to discover the wellspring of trust places in the depth of  
our being. *Brother Roger of Taizé*

*Song*            **Within our darkest night, you kindle a fire  
that never dies away, never dies away.**

*Song*            You are in my *longing*, you are in my *longing*,  
you are in my *longing*, expand me into life.  
*sighing, groaning, dying, singing*

**I offer my heart, my gratitude.**

I love you, O living Presence  
for you have heard my voice, my cries.  
You have come close, brought your ear near to me.  
As I have breath, I will call to you all my days.

**I offer my heart, my gratitude.**

I have felt surrounded by death.  
The torment of shadows and fear of suffering found me.  
I have known confusion and sorrow,  
but I have called upon you, O living Presence.

**I offer my heart, my gratitude.**

How can I respond to you, O Beloved?  
For the grace I have known?  
I will lift a cup of gratitude.  
I will sing of mercy and kindness.

**I offer my heart, my gratitude.**

I will walk in the way I have committed  
as a witness of my devotion and love.  
To love you above all else,  
to love neighbor is the greatest law.

**I offer my heart, my gratitude.**

I offer my heart, my gratitude.  
You release me from fear and suffering.  
You release me from the cords that entangle me.  
May my being be free to love and to serve.

**I offer my heart, my gratitude.**

*the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-25)*

Now on the same day that Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women found the empty tomb and encountered the angels that proclaimed, “Christ is risen”, two of the disciples were walking away to a village called Emmaus. While they were talking, Jesus came near and walked with them, but they did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘What are you discussing?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, Cleopas, answered, ‘Are you the only one who doesn’t know the terrible things that happened?’ Jesus 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. We had hoped that he was the one to liberate us.’ “Yes,” said the other disciple, “and besides all this, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and the body was gone. They told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Oh, my friends, how can it be that you still do not know that the Messiah must suffer first and then enter into his glory? The prophets have been saying this for generations!’ And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus preached to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near Emmaus, Jesus walked ahead pretending he was going on. But they urged Jesus strongly, saying, ‘Please don’t go! Stay with us, it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So, Jesus went in and stayed with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Suddenly their eyes opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They 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?’ Immediately they got up and went back to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together who were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ SO those two disciples who began the day walking away told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Listen for God’s Word.

**Our hearts are open.**

*Two minutes of silence.*

*May I become aware of Christ's living presence now in my confusion*

*May I become aware of Christ's living presence now in the unknown*

*May I know the grace of living resurrection as surely as I live loss and letting go*

*As I become still, what do I notice? As I rest in silence, what do I become aware of?*

*Song* I am with you, **you are with me (3x) here.**  
**I rest in your presence (3x) now**

**Love behind me, love before me, love on my left and my right.**  
**Love above me, love below me, move within and around.**

*Song* **Mercy, mercy, mercy to the ones I forgive.**  
**Mercy, mercy, mercy to my own dear soul.**

**Healing, healing, healing to the ones suffering.**  
**Healing, healing, healing to my own dear soul.**

**Blessing, blessing, blessing to the ones far and near.**  
**Blessing, blessing, blessing to my own dear soul.**

*Song* **May the fire of Christ burn with in my soul.**  
**May the fire of Christ burn within.**  
**May the fire of Christ burn within my soul.**  
**May I be consumed by love.**

**O Living Fire, O Living Fire,**  
**you are light, you are purity of truth.**  
**O Living Fire, O Living Fire,**  
**light the way with the blaze of your love**

*Song* **My peace I leave you, my peace I give you.**  
**Trouble not your hearts.**  
**My peace I leave you, my peace I give you.**  
**Be not afraid.**

*Song* **We will sing, Alleluia.**  
**Alleluia!**



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*with the Reverend David Taylor*

Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

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A Study of the Acts of the Apostles.

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*Our choices and response to loss and change in the CoVid-19 crisis.*

May 23 9am - 12pm

This retreat morning will provide a time to connect in isolation, explore our many varied losses, and together we will practice stillness, prayer, and presence. Let us continue to gather for hope and healing. Please bring an item/s that represent your loss/es. "In this time of crisis, we must commit to a posture of prayer and heart that opens us to deep trust and connection with God. Only then can we hold the reality of what is happening—both the tragic and the transformative." Richard Rohr



Cost: \$50. Scholarships available. Facilitated by: Rev'd David Taylor and Lorie Martin

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Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$40 per Class

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