The Third Sunday of Easter

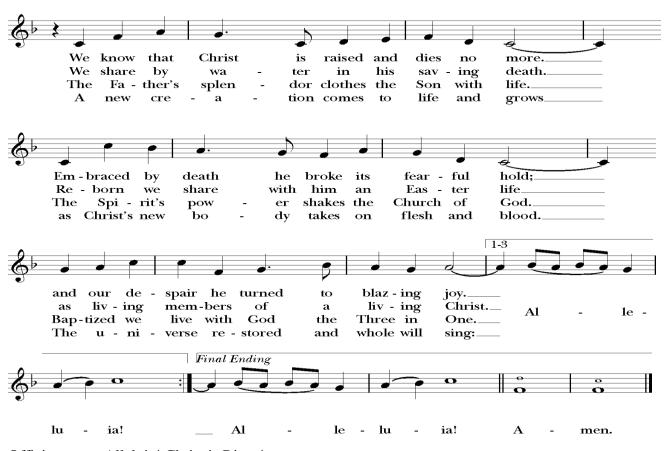


St. Alban's Episcopal Church April 26, 2020

Our Mission: We are called by the Spirit to be transformed by God in heart and mind, to serve our community, UCLA, and the world as the Body of Christ. We will grow in faith, hope and love through the practices of worship, formation, compassion and hospitality.

Introit

Opening Hymn "We Know that Christ is Raised"



Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

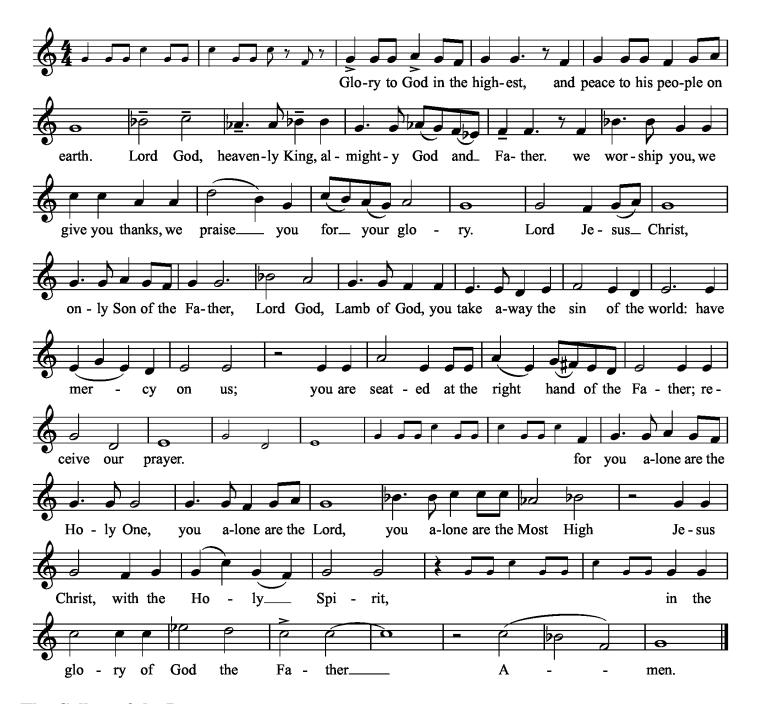
Officiant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love you and worthily magnify your holy name.

People: Amen.

The Gloria



The Collect of the Day

Officiant: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open

the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns

with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter 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. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So 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.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

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

The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.



Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then 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?" He 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. But 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and 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. 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 him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Honeychurch

Musical Meditation

Träumerei

Robert Schumann

The Nicene Creed

Reader: Let us join in affirming our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Adapted from Intercessions for Christian People

Reader: In the power of God's new life, revealed in the Risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.

O God, you have blessed with faith those who see your presence in the wounded hands and feet of Jesus. You have also blessed with faith those who have not seen, yet believe your Gospel. We give you thanks for the faith you have given us, and we pray that we may share with---and be—

the good news for people everywhere. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Turn the eyes of the leaders of the nations to envision a new world in which swords are turned

into plowshares, and where justice reigns.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: As the earliest Christians held all things in common, and shared their abundance with the needy,

give us the spirit of generosity in all things. Help us to overcome hunger and homelessness

among the human family. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For prisoners and hostages, for those in mental anguish, for the sick and suffering, especially for

* Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the leaders of the Church; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for John and Diane, our

Bishops; for Bob, our Interim Rector, and Yein, our Rector-Elect; for the vestry, staff, and

leaders of our congregation. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they

may find light perpetual and eternal love, especially for * Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: O God, we thank you for revealing to us the mystery of resurrection, of life springing up in the

midst of death. Help us to be Easter People, bringing into being works of justice and peace that

your world and its peoples may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray,

People: Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Anthem The Strife Is O'er

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun:

Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst; But Christ their legions has dispersed; Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia! Mark Sheppard

The three sad days are quickly sped; He rises glorious from the dead; All glory to our risen Head: Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded You, In us You've won the vict'ry too, That we may live, and sing to You: Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

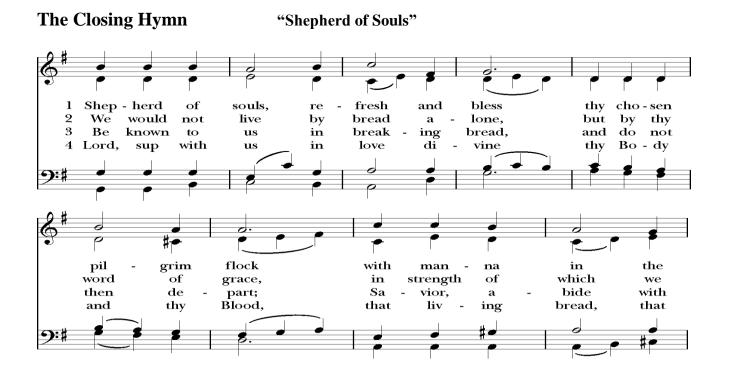
Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing





The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!