



# **Third Sunday in Easter**

**April 18, 2021 | 11:00 am**

**The Rev. Canon Dr. Penny Anderson - Rector**

**The Rev. Michael Coren - Pastoral Associate**

**Andy Elmhirst - Director of Music**

## Land Acknowledgement

*Leader* We recognize the enduring life and presence of Indigenous people on this land, and we are grateful for the opportunity to gather this day on this territory, and to work in this community. We commit ourselves, in all humility, to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous people.

## Invitation to Silence

### Opening Prayer

*Leader* Lord, help us to see you and to know you,  
and to lift the confusion and the fear.  
We are your people, your church,  
meeting together in your presence.  
Meeting today to worship, and to listen and learn.  
We welcome each other and we welcome you,  
but we also worry and wonder and wander.  
Make yourself known to us in new ways, in new life,  
through our worship, our prayers,  
and our understanding of your word.  
Help us to know,  
and be at peace in your love and your teaching.  
Amen.

### First Reading: Acts 3: 12-19

*Read by Rob Pawson*

*Reader* When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48**

*Read by Anthony Ford-Jones*

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ.

## **Homily**

*Rev. Michael Coren*

## **Music: "Alleluia"**

*by Stephanie Martin  
sung by Ecumenical Easter Choir*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Led by Gerry Anthony*

*Leader*

Our prayers today are inspired by the Vision of Enoch,  
when God speaks to man.

At the bidding "be still" please respond, "know I am God".

## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All* **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.**

## Closing Prayer

*Rev. Michael Coren*

*Leader* As we take our worship, praise, and prayer from this place into our daily lives, help us live and be as you want us to live and be. To work through doubt and concern, and be full of love and joy in this great dialogue of faith. And in believing, and in confidence of your death and life, to show the world the new, great, endless possibilities that you allowed us, and the entire world. Amen.

## Dismissal

*Leader* The service is about to end, but we will re-gather on Zoom in a few minutes. There will be questions in the chat room for us to discuss, in small groups and then as a community. Now go forth to love, and to be loved. Amen.

**Chat Time** - All are invited to join us for social time on Zoom.



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reaching beyond ourselves  
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