



# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Third Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH 2020

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## Prelude

### The Gathering of the Community

#### Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

**People: May he fill our hearts with joy!**

#### **Song of Praise: Glory to God on High**

*(Tune: Darwall)*

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise,

Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

The sacrificial Lamb who saves the world from sin,

Have mercy Lord.

Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign

With Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

### **The Proclamation of the Word of God** *(please be seated)*

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*A reading from the book of Acts.*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection.)*

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';  
I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.  
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah (*Instrumental*)**

L. Cohen

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Now on that same day two of them 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Hallelujah (*Instrumental*)

L. Cohen

**Sermon:** The Reverend Canon Dr. Andrew Sheldon

*(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)*

**Choir Anthem:** The Lord's My Shepherd

B. Chilcott

**The Apostle's Creed** (*Please stand*)

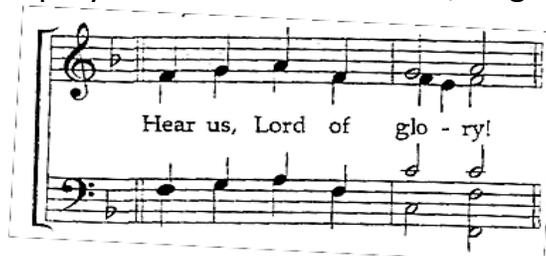
Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People: Litany of Easter** (*Please kneel or stand as you prefer*)

*The presider offers particular intentions for prayer before singing the litany.*

Leader: In joy and hope, let us pray to the source of all life, singing, Hear us, Lord of Glory.

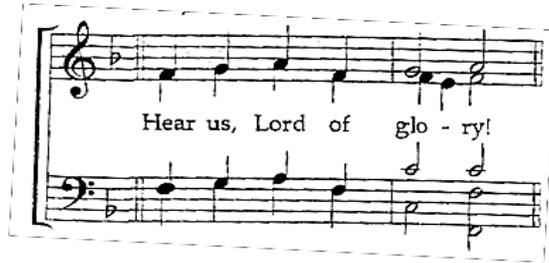


Leader: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**



*Leader:* That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* That by his power wars and famine may cease through the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Prsider:* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All:* **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Easter Blessing**

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn: #482 Come and Journey with a Saviour**

(Tune: Beach Spring)

*(Please join in singing)*

**Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,  
Who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.  
*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.***

**Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,  
Telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame.  
*Come and journey, come and journey with . . .***

**Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,  
Where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.  
*Come and journey, come and journey with . . .***

**Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere.  
*Come and journey, come and journey with . . .***

### **Dismissal**

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Fugue in C Minor

J.S. Bach