

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

1. FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH, FOR THE GLORY  
OF THE SKIES,  
FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH,  
OVER AND AROUND US LIES,  
LORD OF ALL TO YOU WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF  
GRATEFUL PRAISE

2. FOR THE BEAUTY OF EACH HOUR, OF THE DAY  
AND OF THE NIGHT,  
HILL AND VALE, AND TREE AND FLOWR,  
SUN AND MOON AND STARS OF LIGHT,  
LORD OF ALL TO YOU WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF  
GRATEFUL PRAISE.

3. FOR THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE,  
BROTHER, SISTER, PARENT, CHILD.  
FRIENDS ON EARTH AND FRIENDS ABOVE,  
FOR ALL GENTLE THOUGHTS AND MILD.  
LORD OF ALL TO YOU WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF  
GRATEFUL PRAISE.

Welcome and Children Time

## The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

## Invitation

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

## Confession

Most merciful God, 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.

## Absolution

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.

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips, (BAS pg.47)

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant:** O God, make speed to save us.

**People:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Venite (BAS pg. 49)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,\* and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it,\* and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\* and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

#### (ACTS 3:12-19)

Peter 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 this man 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."

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## A Reading of PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

1. GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART, GIVE  
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,  
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST  
HIS SON,  
GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATEFUL HEART, GIVE  
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,  
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST  
HIS SON,

2. AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY, I AM STRONG,  
LET THE POOR SAY, I AM RICH, BECAUSE OF WHAT  
THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US,  
AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY, I AM STRONG, LET  
THE POOR SAY, I AM RICH BECAUSE OF WHAT THE  
LORD HAS DONE, FOR US.

3. GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATEFUL HEART, GIVE  
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,  
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST  
HIS SON,  
GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATEFUL HEART, GIVE  
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,  
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST  
HIS SON.

## The Gospel Reading - LUKE 24:36B-48

**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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples 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."

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

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.

**Offertory Hymn: MANSION OVER THE HILL TOP**

1. I'M SATISFIED WITH JUST A COTTAGE BELOW  
A LITTLE SILVER AND A LITTLE GOLD  
BUT IN THAT CITY, WHERE THE RANSOMED WILL  
SHINE  
I WANT A GOLD ONE THATÈS SILVERED LINED.



**CHORUS:**

**I'VE GOT A MANSION JUST OVER THE HILLTOP  
IN THAT BRIGHT LAND WHERE WE NEVER GROW OLD  
AND SOMEDAY YONDER WE WILL NEVER MORE  
WANDER  
BUT WALK THE STREETS THAT ARE PUREST GOLD.**

**2. THO OFTEN TEMPTED; TORMENTED AND TESTED  
AND. LIKE THE PROPHET MY PILLOW A STONE  
AND THOUGH I FIND HERE NO PERMANENT  
DWELLING  
JESUS WILL GIVE ME A MANSION MY OWN.**

**CHORUS:**

**I'VE GOT A MANSION JUST OVER THE HILLTOP  
IN THAT BRIGHT LAND WHERE WE NEVER GROW OLD  
AND SOMEDAY YONDER WE WILL NEVER MORE  
WANDER  
BUT WALK THE STREETS THAT ARE PUREST GOLD.**

**3. DON'T THINK ME POOR OR DESERTED OR LONELY  
IM NOT DISCOURAGED; IM HEAVEN BOUND  
IM JUST A PILGRIM, IN SEARCH OF A CITY  
I WANT A MANSION, A HARP AND A CROWN.**

## CHORUS:

I'VE GOT A MANSION JUST OVER THE HILLTOP  
IN THAT BRIGHT LAND WHERE WE NEVER GROW OLD  
AND SOMEDAY YONDER WE WILL NEVER MORE  
WANDER  
BUT WALK THE STREETS THAT ARE PUREST GOLD.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

ALL: Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

## The Prayers of the People pg.121-122

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

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

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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

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. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### Collect of the Day

**ALL: O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Officiant:** 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.

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord

1. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Jesus us Lord of all the earth,  
he is the King of salvation.

2. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

**3. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Give praise to his name.**

**We have been crucified with Christ**

**Now we shall live forever.**

**4. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Give praise to his name.**

**Come let us praise the living god,**

**Joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Give praise to his name.**

**Leader: The worship is over.**

**All: Our Service begins.**