

2nd Sunday of Easter – 11 April 2021

10:30 MORNING PRAYER

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Singers: Rebecca Stewart, Lola Elerian

PRELUDE Psalm 40 *by Hendrick Speuy*

OPENING HYMN Common Praise (CP) 410 – Creator of the Earth and Skies

1 CREATOR of the earth and skies, to whom the words of life belong,
grant us thy truth to make us wise; grant us thy power to make us
strong.

2 Like theirs of old, our life is death, our light is darkness, till we see the
eternal Word made flesh and breath,
the God who walked by Galilee.

3 We have not known thee: to the skies
our monuments of folly soar,
and all our self-wrought miseries
have made us trust ourselves the more.

4 We have not loved thee: far and wide the wreckage of our hatred
spreads,
and evils wrought by human pride
recoil on unrepentant heads.

5 For this, our foolish confidence,
our pride of knowledge and our sin,
we come to thee in penitence; in us the work of grace begin.

6 Teach us to know and love thee, Lord,
and humbly follow in thy way.
Speak to our souls the quickening word - and turn our darkness into day.

Donald Wynn Hughes 1911-1967

GREETING *Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you*
and also with you
This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PREPARATION *We have come together in the name of Christ to
offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God*

**INVITATION TO
CONFESSION** *Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice
and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and
true heart.*

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

CONFESSION **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us
from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

THANKSGIVING *Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.*
*Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.*

THE PEACE *May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the
Christ Jesus.*
Amen.
*The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.*
*Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal
on our prayers.*

PSALM 145 – Filled with the Spirit's Power (*for Psalm 133*)

1 FILLED with the Spirit's power; with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church to-day
no less your power of fellowship display.

2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

J. R. PEACEY 1896-1971

1ST LESSON *Acts 4:32-35*

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Here ends the first lesson.

CANTICLE I "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him;
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen;
O, open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus!

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2ND LESSON *John 20:19-31*

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

28 Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

29 Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Here ends the Second lesson.

CANTICLE II CP 154 O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing (omit v. 2 and 3)

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death to-day rose triumphing.
Alleluia.

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, 'My peace be on all here.'
Alleluia.

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia.

6 'My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be.'
Alleluia.

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.
Alleluia.

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia.

9 On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise,
Alleluia.

SERMON *Chaja Verkerk*

APOSTLES' CREED **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

INTERCESSIONS

COLLECT *Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.*

**THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as
our Saviour has taught us, so we pray.*

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY *"Be Still and Know That I am God"*

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust

CLOSING HYMN CP 390 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long,
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story...

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I my Saviour am happy and blest
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story...

BLESSING *The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.*

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE O Sons and Daughters, *by J-F. Dandrieu*