

10:30 MORNING SERVICE (IN PLACE OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING NATIONAL LOCKDOWN)

18TH APRIL 2021 (3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

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Christina Edelen, Organ; Hans van Deemter & Malcolm Wamunza, singers; Ireen Thomas, lute

PRELUDE

(OPENING HYMN) CP 156 Sing Choirs of Heaven

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past; the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Savior lives: he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people shout the long Amen!

(INVOCATION) *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

Amen

(GREETING)

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia

(PRAYER OF PREPARATION)

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

(COMMANDMENTS/COMFORTABLE WORDS/BEATITUDES)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

(INVITATION TO CONFESSION)

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

**(CONFESSION) Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(ABSOLUTION)

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(GLORIA) setting

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

*Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.*

Amen.

(COLLECT)

Risen Christ,

*you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.*

(PSALM) Psalm 4 – *single chant*

1. Answer me when I call, O ' God of my ' righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on ' me and '
hear my ' prayer.
2. How long will you nobles dis'honour my ' glory;
how long will you love vain ' things and ' seek after ' falsehood?
3. But know that the Lord has shown me his ' marvellous ' kindness;
when I call upon the ' Lord, ' he will ' hear me.
4. Stand in ' awe, and ' sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your ' bed, ' and be ' still.
5. Offer the ' sacrifices of ' righteousness ;
and ' put your ' trust in the ' Lord.
6. There are many that say, "Who will show us ' any ' good?" ;
Lord, lift up the ' light of your ' countenance u'pon us.
7. You have put gladness ' in my ' heart;
more than when their corn and ' wine and ' oil in'crease.
8. In peace I will lie ' down and ' sleep;
for it is you Lord, only, who ' make me ' dwell in ' safety.

*Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son ;
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.*

*As it was in the beg'inning is ' now ;
and shall be for ' ever. ' A 'men.*

(1ST READING) Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(GOSPEL HYMN) CP 136 Alleluia, Alleluia

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
he is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia, ...

We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia, ...

God has proclaimed the just reward,
Life for us all, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, ...

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
Alleluia, alleluia, ...

(GOSPEL) LUKE 24:36B-48

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

(SERMON)

Jan Huber

(CHOIR ANTHEM) What Wondrous Love is This? *trad. American Folk Hymn*

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

(CREED) Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who 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.**

(PEACE) *Please stand for the peace.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(INTERCESSIONS)

(THANKSGIVING)

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, your servants, give you our hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we ask you, give us that due sense of all your mercy, that our hearts may be completely thankful, and that we show your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking with you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

(LORD'S PRAYER)

As our Saviour 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) *Instrumental music*

(NOTICES)

(CLOSING HYMN) CP 159 The Strife is O'er
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee:
Alleluia.

(BLESSING) *May the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make us perfect in every good work to do his will;
and together we pray that the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
would be among us and remain with us always.*

Amen.

(DISMISSAL) *We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

(POSTLUDE)