

## Prayer & Praise, St. Andrew's Church, Week of 15 April 2020

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

**If I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

**Opening Hymn, Ode to Joy** (SING TO God New Songs of Worship, Hymnal)

<https://binged.it/2XAtWIw> A flash mob and <https://binged.it/2V8xSOU> Royal Albert Hall

*Two links here to remind us of the former times when there was no such thing as social distancing. Fabulous! Praise God for community!!*

**Call to Worship from Psalm 105:1-9** New International Version (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

**make known among the nations what he has done.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him;

**tell of all his wonderful acts.**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;

**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

<sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength;

**seek his face always.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonders he has done,

**his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,**

<sup>6</sup> you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,

**his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God;

**his judgments are in all the earth.**

<sup>8</sup> He remembers his covenant forever,

**the promise he made, for a thousand generations,**

<sup>9</sup> the covenant he made with Abraham,

**the oath he swore to Isaac.**

### Acts 3:1-10

#### Peter Heals a Lame Beggar

**3** One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

**6** Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. **9** When all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## Hymn: What a beautiful name (or Jesus, lover of my soul 372, hymnal)

<https://binged.it/2VIZwRZ>

*Give praise for the power of the risen Jesus who is here in our midst, walking along beside us, present in the glory of creation, who transforms each one of us, who has the power to transform the world. Give glory where it is due!*

### Luke 24:13-35

#### On the Road to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

<sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

#### Meditation from Jesus Calling

*When I give you no special guidance, stay where you are. Concentrate on doing your everyday tasks in awareness of My presence with you. The Joy of My Presence will shine on you, as you do everything for Me. Thus you invite Me into every aspect of your life.*

*Be thankful for quiet days, when nothing special seems to be happening. Instead of being bored by the lack of action, use these times to seek My Face. Although this is an invisible transaction you are richly blessed when you walk trustingly with Me through your day.*

#### Bless the Lord my Soul

<https://binged.it/3cnQ0dI>

## **Prayers for the world including:**

*Note: Pray as if what you desire has already come to pass. That the blessing of Christ is full to overflowing on all things and all people and all situations. We know this to be true! May the Spirit guide you as you and the world and those you love receive the blessing that you pray!*

### **The Church**

### **Governments & Nations**

### **The Earth**

### **The sick**

### **Those who mourn**

### **Collect**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** is said

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

### **Hallelujah Chorus**

<https://binged.it/3epNtBx>

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ Amen**