“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

Luke 24:26, ESV

April 26, 2020 – The Third Sunday of Easter – Year A
10:00 AM - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Celebrant – The Very Rev. René John, Dean
Preacher – The Right Rev. William H. Stokes, Bishop

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Prelude

Opening Hymn  Hymnal # 305  Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest

1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
2 We meet, as in that upper room they met; thou
3 One body we, one Body who partake, one
4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who

Descant

Church united in communion blest; one Name we

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
at the table, blessing, yet dost stand;
Church united in communion blest;
art one Savior and one living Head;

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse 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.
All say together

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 36-41)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Therefore 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
So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*All sing Refrain together*

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

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *I came to grief and sorrow.*

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”*

**Refrain**

How shall I repay the Lord* for all the good things he has done for me?* 
I will lift up the cup of salvation *and call upon the Name of the Lord.*
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord* in the presence of all his people.*

**Refrain**

Precious in the sight of the Lord* is the death of his servants.* 
O Lord, I am your servant; *I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.*

**Refrain**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *and call upon the Name of the Lord.*
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord* in the presence of all his people,*
In the courts of the Lord’s house, *in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*
Hallelujah!

**Refrain**
If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS # 146 Break Thou the Bread of Life

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of the disciples 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Right Reverend William H. Stokes,
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(The people may add their own petitions).

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.
Celebrant: God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.

*Taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa’ (adapted)*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:
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,
    and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

A Litany During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Bishop: Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Bishop: Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
Bishop:  Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

Bishop:  Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Lord, in your mercy,

People:  Hear our prayer.

“The Coronavirus Prayer” was written by Kerry Weber, an executive editor for America Magazine.
Closing Hymn

Hymnal # 208
(vs. 1, 2, and 5)

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er,
the Battle Done

Antiphon (at the beginning)

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
#3 The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises
4 He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of triumph
2 legions hath dispersed: let shout of holy
3 glorious from the dead: all glory to our
4 heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy servants free, that we may live and

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Blessing

**Bishop:** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

**Deacon:** Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; William, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Peter, Noel, and Bruce, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and The Most Rev. Michael Lewis; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including David, Joe Morris, and Sylvestre, retired Bishops; and the Members and Ministry of the Environmental Commission.

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Nancy C. Jackson, Samuel B. Richards, II, Frank Castellón, Malcolm Newman, Cyrus Ketter, Rachel Mathis, David Monte, Jennifer Ahaghotu, Sewon Bestman, Matthew McDermott, Chanda Moore, Nanette R. O’Brien, Kumeiwo Ngwayah, and Debbie Raab.

We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with Mary Ann, Jonathan, Cathy, Sinceria, Manfred, Marilyn, Eastlyn, Fitz, Melba, Jimmy, Charley, Rhonda, Joann, Shannon, Robert, Barbara, Timothy, the Dunham family, Christian, Jeffrey, Narissa, Evelyn, Maria, Theolinda, Jonathan, Phil, Chris, Benny & Fran, Kathy, the Fanizzo family, Darius & Catherine, Elsie, Lisa, Barry, Karen, Joseph, John, Rico, the Roney family, the Marsalis family, the Pizzarelli family, Percy, Carol, Dawn, Michael, Boris, Max, Mercy, Rose, Donovan, Eleni, Ken, the Leighton family, Sayah, Sabu, Chris, Ninosca, Rite, those who have lost their jobs, and all those affected by Covid-19.

We remember those who have died, especially those lost to Covid-19, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.
Our Vision:

A visible agent of God’s love in Christ, joyfully embracing all people.

Our Mission:

God is here; Jesus loves you.
We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God’s love,
Spreading the Gospel, and caring for all people and God’s creation.
Come join us.

The Rt. Rev. William “Chip” H. Stokes, Bishop
The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean
The Rev. Canon Dr. Noel Amadi, Priest Associate
  The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, Priest Associate
  The Rev. Bruce Montgomery, Priest Associate
  The Rev. Chris Cox, Deacon
The Rev. Carol Gilbert, Deacon
Dr. Kerry Heimann, Director of Music & Cathedral Organist
Fay Manicke, Associate Director of Music