



Holy Eucharist Service
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 2:30 pm

Celebrant – The Rev. Malcolm Kern

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts
burn within us while you speak. *See Luke 24.32*

The Gathering of the Community:

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Opening Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This?

words: *American Folk Hymn*

music: William Walker, *Southern Harmony, 1840*

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CCLI Song # 197297

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 bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

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.

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.

Collect of the Day: 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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word of God –

A Reading from the Book of Acts (Acts 3:12-19)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (1 John 3:1-7)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response: Behold What Manner of Love

words: 1 John 3:1 (KJV), Public domain

music: Patricia Van Tine, © 1978 CCCM Music; Universal Music

performed by Marantha Singers

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us,
Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us,
That we should be called the sons of God,
That we should be called the sons of God.

[Repeat as round]

The Holy Gospel – remain standing

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(Luke 24:33-48)

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon: *(all sit)*

The Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles' Creed)

Let us confess together the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: 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.

Prayers of Intercession:

Sisters and brothers, as those who follow the Risen Christ, let us pray for our needs and the needs of people everywhere. (Silence is kept)

Faithful God, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Shed his glorious light on all Christian people that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we ask you to be a real and living presence in your church throughout the world, including all those churches who gather together in and around Strathmore, especially the Nazareth Lutheran Church, Standard, along with all the Christian churches in Australasia, especially The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, a part of our Worldwide Anglican Communion; our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands; the Diocese of Algoma; and in our own Diocese, we ask for your presence with our Archbishop, Greg, with all children and young families,

and with the people of the parish of All Saints, Cochrane, and their clergy, Fariborz Khandani, Rafiq Masih, and Elizabeth Short. And grant that we in this Parish, through preaching and works of love, continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war and people are hostile toward each other we pray for true reconciliation. Protect all Christian people in the nations of the world, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for all families whose homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness and where relationships are breaking up. We thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey and, as he gladdened the hearts of his friends when they saw him raised from the dead, may he travel alongside all who are struggling with their family life.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, comfort the sick and suffering with your living presence. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm confused minds and reassure the lonely with your company. We raise before you those we know with particular needs we have been asked to pray for. *(Leave time for names to be voiced).*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ stands among us, and we have seen the marks of your saving love. Breathe on us with the power of your Holy Spirit and send us out to share the peace of Christ with all who may cross our paths in the weeks ahead so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution: Dear friends in Christ, in baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith *(Silence is kept)*

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.**

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.**

The Peace (*please stand*)

Presider: 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.

All: **And also with you.**

Preparing the Table: Let Us Break Bread Together

words and music: African American Spiritual

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Let us break bread together on our knees.

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Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. *[Refrain]*

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. *[Refrain]*

The Celebration of the Eucharist:

Prayer Over the Gifts:

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we raise our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and

when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. **Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.**

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this table may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer:

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread:

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Reflection: Break Thou the Bread of Life

words: Mary A. Lathbury

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music: William F. Sherwin

performed by Acapeldridge

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Within the sacred page, I seek Thee Lord.
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me.
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me.
Give me to eat and live with Thee above.
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

Prayer After Communion:

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing:

Announcements:

Song of Sending: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

words: Charles Wesley

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music: [Hyfrydol] Rowland H. Prichard

CCLI Song # 742329

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.

Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Coffee following the service.

Weds.: 10:00 am Congregational Discussion concerning disposition of items in storage, deferred from the Annual Meeting.

Sunday: 2:30 pm Worship here at St. Michael & All Angels

Throughout this coming week, look for where you see Jesus working, and join him.