

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

*The vigil light on the altar today is given to the Glory of God and for healing for Anna,
given by her parents and her Grandmother, Sue.*

Prelude: “Sing a New Song” -D Schutte, Setting by Wagner

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional hymn LEVAS #188 It Is Well With My Soul

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Thou satan should buffet, through trials should come,

**Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.**

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! *People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

Gloria: S-236 Glory to you, Lord

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect *(said by all)*

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

Reader A reading from the book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “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 generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People** **Thanks be to God**

Silence

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."

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.

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.

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!

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel Luke 24: 13-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord **People** **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

Prayers of the People

Jesus, who on this day of the week rose from the dead: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day put on life immortal: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the apostles: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day opened the eyes of the two disciples going to Emmaus: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day comforted your apostles and gave them peace: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day confirmed your apostles in the faith of the Resurrection by showing them your hands and your feet: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day breathed on the apostles and gave them the Holy Spirit: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day opened their understanding to know the Scriptures: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day gave them power to remit sins: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this same day sent the apostles on their mission and commanded them to go and teach all nations: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on a Sunday bore patiently with the weakness of St. Thomas, and by the evidence of your sacred wounds healed his unbelief: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on a Sunday sent down the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and thus prepared them for laying the foundation of your Church: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on a Sunday moved your apostle Peter to preach the first Christian sermon to his fellow Jews: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on this Sunday is present among us now in Word and Sacrament to heal and forgive and empower: **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who on his Sunday gives us a vision of heaven and a foretaste of everlasting life: **Have mercy on us, now and always, Amen.**

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

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 neighbors 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.

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling”* -Setting by Wood

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: WLP #875 Be Known to Us

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
One body we are, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Communion

Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #210

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal, of resurrection light.;
And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Come Christian Join to Sing”* -Setting by Hustad