

Third Sunday of Easter



Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 04 May 2025

10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

{Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it...

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised!

O sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the Earth!

Sing, and give praise to God's Name!

Tell the GOOD NEWS of salvation from day to day!

HYMN

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...

Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open and all desires {whether for good or for ill} are known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: we ask that You cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled thereby to love You perfectly in spite of our multitude of flaws, and that we might worthily Magnify and Glorify Your Holy Name. We know that we are unworthy to approach You, or to ask anything at all of You; nevertheless, we pray that through Christ our Lord, the LIGHT of the hearts that seek you, the LIFE of the souls that love You, and the GUIDER of Creation, that You grant us absolution for our sins and that You allow us to stand fast in You forever; grant us Your grace and blessings; AMEN.

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the GOOD NEWS! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a New Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that through the Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, freely given, without having to earn it, you are forgiven. Give thanks - and be at peace...AMEN

Holy Scripture

RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 30 [King James]

I will exalt You, O Lord, because You have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to You
and You restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the Dead;

You restored my life as I was going down to the Grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of His;

Give thanks for the remembrance of His holiness.

For His wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
His favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with Your favour,
made me as strong as the mountains."

Then You hid Your face and I was filled with fear.

I cried to You, O Lord; I pleaded with the LORD, saying:

"What profit is there in blood if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise You or declare Your faithfulness?

Hear O LORD, and have mercy upon me; LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;
You have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to You without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give You thanks forever.

GOSPEL LESSON - John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the Disciples by the Sea of Tiberius [that is, the Sea of Galilee] and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee [James and John], and two others of His Disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the Disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That Disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other Disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the Disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the Disciples after He was raised from the

Dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" [Simon] said to [Jesus], "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" [Jesus], said to [Simon] , "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to [Simon], "Tend My sheep." He said to [Simon] the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter felt hurt because [Jesus] said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And [Simon] said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to [Simon] , "Feed My sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ([Jesus] said this to indicate the kind of death by which [Peter] would glorify God.) After this [Jesus] said to [Peter], "Follow Me."

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Sounds Fishy to Me"

Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

In life and in death we recognize that we belong - totally - to the all-sovereign Triune God. Through the Grace of God, our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of our God, our Father, and the communion of our God, their Holy Spirit, we completely trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ Who is both fully human and fully God. We trust in the God that not only we, but Jesus Himself, called Abba, Father. God our Father, in sovereign love, through the Mediation of the Son and with the Power of

The Holy Spirit created the Cosmos - including our planet and all it contains - good. Every human being was made equal in God's eyes before Him, each being made either male or female; this is not to say that human beings are equal to God - far from it! Yet as each one in was created God's own image, of every race and people, to live as one community, we are all equal in God's sight. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the Giver and Renewer of Life. The Spirit justifies us by Grace through Faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to Love God and neighbour, and binds us together with all believers in all times and all places in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the Prophets and Apostles rules our Faith and Life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the Waters of Baptism, feeds us with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, and still Calls women and men to all ministries of the church. MARANATHA! AMEN

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN

"Alleluia"

Insert

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise...

You called us to love and worship You as our God. You made the union of husband and wife a sign of Your covenant with Your people. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs

of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name: love and serve You, but we turned against You to follow our own ways. Yet You did not forsake us, for Your love is unfailing in every age. You bound Yourself to us with a covenant, claiming us as Your people, and promising faithfulness singing:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let Earth receive her King!
Let Every heart, prepare Him room;
And Heaven and Nature sing;
And Heaven and Nature sing;
And Heaven, and Heaven, and Nature sing!

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The WORDS OF INSTITUTION
The LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray...
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; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN.

COMMUNION

HYMN "Shout To The Lord" #071

THE DISMISSAL
Go in Peace and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please give any prayer requests to Pastor Larry.

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