

THE SEASON OF EASTER WITH ST. MARTIN'S  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 26, 2020

*Welcome to this virtual gathering of the people of St. Martin's. During this time of global health pandemic, we seek to look out for and to care for one another, most especially by staying home. The time before our liturgy begins is a good time to check-in with one another. Once the service begins all participants will be muted except those speaking to lead us. You are invited to sing along with the hymns and join in speaking the responses just as we would if we were actually together. If anyone is in pastoral need during this time, do not hesitate to write: [rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com) or call Fr. Mulder at: 908-672-8695.*

**The Opening Acclamation of Easter**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
People The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise, Hymn 460, Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
(sung by the choir of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh)

-Hyfroydol

**The Collect of the Day**

Officiant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.

Officiant 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.

**A Reading from the Book of Psalms (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."

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!

**Anthem**

*A Repeating Alleluia*

-Calvin Hampton

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)**

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.

Officiant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ!</i>

## Homily

### The 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.*

### **The Prayers of the People** *(adapted from David Adams, Glimpses of Glory)*

Lord, you are the Lord of life, in your presence is the fullness of joy. We pray to you for all whose vocations have been frustrated by illness, oppression, opposition or circumstance: may they not lose hope, and discover that in every situation you are there and call them.

God of hope,  
*Fill us with joy and peace in believing.*

We give thanks for lively and vital communities. We pray for the individuals that help to restore and hold together community life. We pray for people in areas where community has broken down, for areas of fear or poverty, for those who have left home with nowhere to go. We remember all who sleep on our streets and all the organizations and individuals who care for them.

God of hope,  
*Fill us with joy and peace in believing.*

We give thanks for those who share their lives with us. We pray for any who are finding life difficult or distressing, for those whose relationships are breaking down, for homes where there is sorrow and darkness.

God of hope,  
*Fill us with joy and peace in believing.*

Lord, bless all who work hard for little or no reward, all who find no rest from their toil or fear. We pray for all whose lives are full of guilt, regret and remorse, for those who. Have lost faith in themselves or in the world around them or in you. We pray for all who have been involved in accidents or acts of violence. We remember all those who are ill. We pray for those you have enfolded in the love and peace of your eternal kingdom.

God of hope,  
*Fill us with joy and peace in believing.*

Lord, we give thanks that you will seek us along the roads we walk, that you join us on our journey and that you make yourself known to us in the common acts of our lives, and especially in the breaking of the bread. We look in hope to the day we may raise the Cup of Salvation together and give you praise and thanks.

God of hope,  
*Fill us with joy and peace in believing.*

Hear us now as together we pray as Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Officiant      The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.  
People          *And also with you.*

**Hymn 662, Abide with me**

*-Eventide*

*(sung by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge)*

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

Officiant      Go into this new week to share the joy and power of Easter. Alleluia.  
People          *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)  
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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