

Third Sunday of Easter
April 18th 2021



Opening

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Sentence

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

See Luke 24.32

Collect

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 for ever.

Reading

ACTS 3:12-19;

PSALM 4;

1 JOHN 3:1-7;

LUKE 24:36B-48

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Easter from Rev Enrique

Joy in the Risen Christ



There are many Christians who are "afraid of joy." Christian "owls", who go "with the face of a funeral" to religious celebrations, moving in the shadows with fear instead of going in the light of the presence of Christ our Lord.

Many Christians fail to understand that Peace is not just the absence of conflict, but a deep sense of knowing that all will be well in Christ our Lord!

Jesus interrupts the disciples' dialogue about his recent appearances to the two of Emmaus and Peter that is related in the previous verses. It would seem that the disciples finally believed in the resurrection of Jesus. However, the disciples respond with fear, and fear to this new encounter with Jesus. They believed that it was a "horror," is the clarification that the evangelist Luke makes us in verse 37.

Here we also find the same invitation that Jesus made the previous Sunday to Thomas to look at his feet and hands and to feel him and whose objective is to make them understand that he was not a "ghost" but that he was himself Risen in flesh and blood. Unlike in John's gospel where he wants to show Thomas that HE is really the risen Jesus. In Luke's gospel the objective of his appearance is not only to show that he was HIM but to show him his corporeality, that Jesus was not a ghost.

However, these tests seem not to be enough for the disciples who are gathered there. Jesus perceives his disciples still many doubts. Although the evangelist Luke wants to clarify that it is for joy.

We can see here how Jesus wants to give the key to his disciples so that they finally understand the scriptures. So that they can interpret them correctly. Here it is not only about reading the scriptures but also knowing how to interpret them. In addition to the interpreted word, the meal must be closely linked to the Eucharistic banquet as a crucial element in the disciples' understanding process. As in the case of the two from Emmaus whose eyes were opened after Jesus broke the bread, now it is a piece of grilled fish that serves as an appropriate response on the part of Jesus to come out at the crossroads of their unbelief. disciples.

Only in light of the celebration of the "Eucharist" meal and the interpretation of the scriptures do the disciples seem to have the reaction of joy, but this reaction is now in a new context of worship that makes them feel the power and commitment to the reality that they are living by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The disciples feel the transformation of the risen one, by the food and the explanatory words of Jesus, (the Eucharist).

This new joy felt by the disciples, gives them the key to understand what the scriptures of Jesus said, but now they understand that the scriptures do not refer only to what has already happened, but also includes the future actions "MISSION" whom are called to be Baptized and disciples of Christ.

Jesus does not remain in what has already been experienced by the disciples as spectators. From now on, Jesus, the Messiah of all the prophecies already fulfilled, is the new Message that all the disciples are called to carry from Jerusalem to all the nations of the world.

Now the prophecy not only includes what has already happened, but goes further and shows us what the obligation of the disciples of Christ is, to give their lives for the Kingdom of God; The disciples now cease to be only spectators of the history of salvation to be main actors of the message of salvation, as we will find in the accounts of the Acts of the Apostles, where without fear and fear they lay down their lives full of joy for him. God's Kingdom.

The disciples are faced with another problem which is the recipients of the message are no longer only the people of Israel, but it has to reach all the nations of the world. Here we're all called to cross the borders of the world in order to reach all our Christian brothers around the world who suffer and need to feel the joy and the joy of the risen one.

Taking the message of salvation beyond the limits of Judaism was very difficult for the Christian church that was just understanding and taking its first steps. It is therefore the importance of Paul's ministry dedicated almost exclusively to the Gentiles, that is, to people who were outside the limits of Judaism. The importance of the mission that comes with being called and baptized is not only understanding the scriptures but also It opens up a new mission for us, that of helping all our brothers who continue to fear even knowing that Christ has risen.

Finally, the encounter with Jesus must lead us to an explosion of joy that pushes us to preach the gospel in the community. The previous Sunday Thomas could not see that expression and joy in his fellow apostates, so it was very difficult for him to believe the resurrection of the Master as true. Today it is not just Thomas, but it is all the disciples who cannot believe in that resurrection as true, because they are still scared of believing that they are facing a ghost.

We are called as a community in Christ to show the Risen One in every moment in which we share the Holy Eucharist. Sharing food, as our Lord did so many times during his ministry, and in explaining the Scriptures we have to show the joy of the resurrection, the infinite joy of the empty tomb. It is precisely in community, sharing the Scriptures and bread, that today we can also meet the risen Jesus.

It is in the encounter with the risen Jesus every Sunday in the Eucharist that we overcome fear and fear. After feeding on the blood and Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will find the courage to preach in public that Christ is our Savior, without fear or fear, but full of Joy and Joy. Hallelujah Christ has risen Hallelujah.!!!

Prayers of the People from Jack Addison - jwaddison54@gmail.com

Good Shepherd of our souls, we bow with gratitude in our hearts today.
We thank you for the lavish hospitality with which you have surrounded us.
We thank you for your gracious love and care for us.
We thank you for the abundance which you have placed on our plates each day.
We thank you for the strength which comes from knowing that when life meets us with danger you are our rock and beneath us are your everlasting arms.
We thank you for the assurance that this is your world and there are many places of goodness and kindness and mercy in it.

Yet we confess that we are so much like those early disciples to whom you said, "Peace be with you."

We are often frightened. We are often doubtful. We are often disbelieving. We are often wondering. We are as human and as frail of spirit as were they.

Yet we find great comfort in being like them because it gives us hope. You call us as you called them to be your witnesses. As you did not disqualify them for your service neither do you disqualify us.

Help us to know that their task is our task and that to us also come the words: "You are witnesses of these things."

Help us to find the joy and excitement of being your witnesses.

Help us to reach out to our world, so often in despair, and to present the message of forgiveness of sins.

Help us to be faithful and to be your peacemakers.

O God, grant us the power to fulfill our calling. Amen

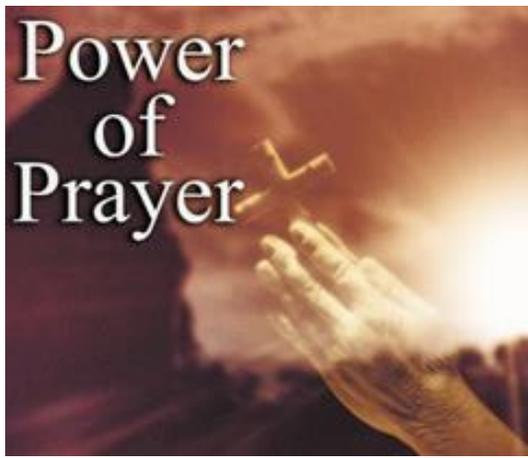
We pray for: - Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.

For the week beginning Sunday April 18, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Enrique Martinez** (Deacon in Charge) and the people of **The Parish of Long Point Bay**.

We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M., Sheila H., Sylvia B., and his family and anyone known to you. Amen.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@hotmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

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.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish video

<https://youtu.be/oYutSEmIFRU>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the ever-present threat of COVID-19 in our area. It has been decided to suspend all church services immediately, until further notice.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on, regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to let Rev Enrique or myself know.

Any birthdays in April – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in the birthday section, please send me details.

Part Time Employment Opportunity:

We are looking for an Organist for Local Anglican Services- Our group enjoys singing a variety of styles of music. Organ is manual digital with full pedal board. Standard payroll. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please send resume to enrique6921@hotmail.com

Any questions 519-586-3401

Roast Beef Dinner

April 24 2021

St. John's Anglican Church, Woodhouse



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Drive-through dinner

Roast Beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert included.

Call Sharon to reserve dinner 519-426-4461

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MOTHER'S DAY

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Pickup Site: Church Hall, side door, 46 Front Rd, Pt. Rowan

All Funds to be Donated to:

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Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, April 18, 2021

#205 – The Day of Resurrection

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin;
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

#377 – To the Name of Our Salvation

1. To the name of our salvation, laud and honour let us pay,
2. Which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
But with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.
3. Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.
4. 'Tis the name that whoso preaches speaks like music to the ear;
Who in prayer this name beseeches finds its comfort ever near;
Who its perfect wisdom reaches, heavenly joy possesses here.
5. Jesus is the name exalted over every other name;
In this name, whene'er assaulted, we can put our foes to shame:
Strength to them who else had halted, eyes to blind and feet to lame.
6. Therefore we in love adoring, this most blessed name revere,
Holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here
That, hereafter heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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