

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

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Third Sunday of Easter

Resurrection: The Joy and Pain of Living

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Welcome:

**Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen In Us! Alleluia!
LOVE is Risen!
LOVE is Risen In Us! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE:

***Suite for Violoncello #1 first movement*
by J. S. Bach**

Greeting:

**The grace of our risen CHRIST,
the LOVE that IS God
and the power of the SPIRIT is with us all.**

Music:

Morning Has Broken

Text: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Gaelic – BUNESSAN

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the WORD!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

Prayer of the Day: **Intimately connected to the MYSTERY who IS LOVE, let us remember that we are ONE; for LOVE lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us, creating all that is, was, and ever shall be. As we breathe, LOVE lives. So, let us breathe life into the world, trusting the risen power of LOVE to heal the world and make it whole. We pray as we live, ONE with ALL, now and forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise ***Only You O LOVE***

BALM IN GILEAD: African American Spiritual; Text adapted from Marty Haugen

**Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**O God our rock and haven, our stronghold safe and sure
Though earth be torn and shaken, in you we stand secure
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**You guard us faithful LOVER within your sheltering hope
You nurse us loving MOTHER with milk and healing balm
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**We pray do not abandon the ones you call your own.
Our comfort and companion we trust in you alone.
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**Come fill the world with wonder as you O God draw near
Then break the bow asunder banish both shield and spear
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

Reading **Luke 24:1-12 (Reader: Sharon Smyth)**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus.
While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments

stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, “Why do you search for the LIVING ONE among the dead? Jesus is not here; CHRIST has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—that the CHOSEN ONE must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again.”

With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them.

When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them.

Peter however got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

Music

Stay With Us

TEXT: Herbert F. Brokering;

MUSIC: Walter L. Plez

**Stay with us, till night has come:
our praise to you this day be sung.
Bless our bread, open our eyes:
Jesus, be our great surprise.**

**Walk with us, our spirits sigh:
hear when our weary spirits cry,
feel again our loss, our pain:
Jesus, take us to your side.**

**Walk with us, the road will bend:
make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears:
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.**

**Talk with us, till we behold
a joyful life you will unfold:
heal our eyes to see the prize:
Jesus, take us to the light.**

**Stay with us, till day is done:
no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the hear, your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.**

Reading: Luke 24:13-29 (Reader: Sharon Willan)

That same day, two of the disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus—which was about seven miles from Jerusalem—discussing all that had happened as they went. While they were discussing these things, Jesus approached and began to walk along with the, though they were kept from recognizing Jesus, who asked them, “What are you two discussing as you go on your way?”

They stopped and looked sad. One of them, Cleopas by name, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened these past few days?”

Jesus said to them, “What things?”

They said, “About Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and all the people—how our chief priests and leaders delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he was the ONE who would set Israel free. Besides all this, today—the third day since these things happened—some women of our group have just brought us some astonishing news. They were at the tomb before dawn and didn’t find the body; they returned and informed us that they had seen a vision of angels, who declared that Jesus was alive. Some of our number went to the tomb and found it to be just as the women said, but they did not find Jesus.”

Then Jesus said to them, “What little sense you have! How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced! Didn’t the Messiah have to undergo all this to enter into glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of scripture which referred to the Messiah.



Music

Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 2/2. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with the same notes and lyrics 'Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!'.

Verse

Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris'n a - gain.

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Gospel:

Luke 24:13-35

By now they were near the village they were going to, and Jesus appeared to be going further. But they said eagerly, “Stay with us. It is nearly evening—the day is practically over.”

So the Saviour went in and stayed with them.

After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning inside us as this one talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?” They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with “Christ has risen! It is true! Jesus has appeared to Simon!”

Then the travelers recounted what had happened on the road, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection

Resurrection: The Joy and Pain of Living

Song of the Day: ***Spirit Open My Heart***

Text: Ruth Duck; Music: traditional Irish melody; WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Refrain

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**

Refrain

**Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

Refrain

**May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.**

Refrain

Prayers of the Body

Prayer

An interpretation of the prayer Jesus taught:

**LOVER of us all, MOST HOLY ONE
help us to respond to you
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
as we forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil,
and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power
to make the world whole.
All praise and honour is yours forever. Amen.**

Song:

Can We Now Believe in Life?

TEXT: Brian Wren; MUSIC: LLANFAIR

**Can we now believe in life, singing “Christ is risen!?”
Death is every where the norm, feared, familiar, given,
yet, if Easter Faith is true, great new things can happen.
Dark is giving way to dawn. Earth is lit by heaven.**

**Though our world embraces death (anger, war, and killing),
Easter blooms a Tree of Life, fragrant and fulfilling.
Justice, joy, compassion, peace, set our new direction,
as a people sent and steered by the Resurrection.**

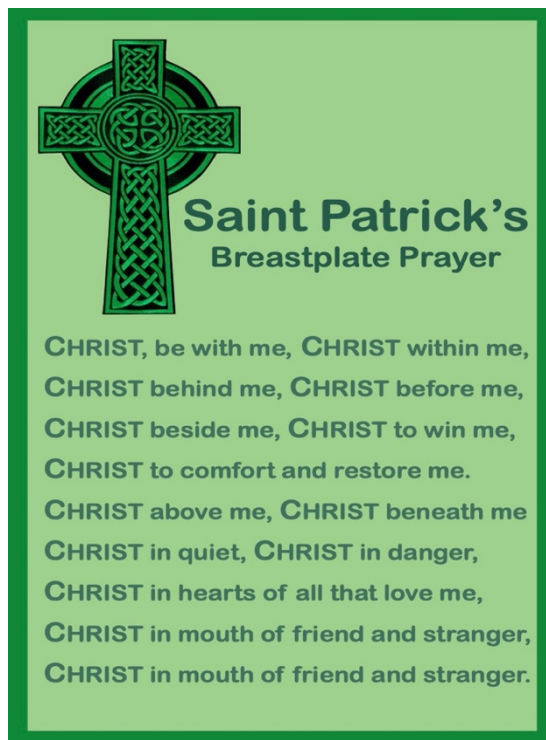
**All the life that Jesus lived, teaching, meeting, healing,
every deed and every word, ripens into meaning
as our Rabbi’s stirring voice summons us to follow,
calling not from ages past, but from LOVE’s tomorrow.**

**Christ, untameably alive, breathe our life upon us
Compass, governor and guide, with us and beyond us,
Sky and Sunlight, spreading Vine. Spring of living water
Truth and Wisdom, Way and Word, here, and now together.**

Blessing

POSTLUDE:

Prayer of Saint Patrick, Music by Antonio John Rutter



Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.



This Easter Season worship with us!

We are reviving the early Christian practice of "Home Church."
Updated for these challenging times:

**Online Worship Videos
will be posted
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ALLELUIA!

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Our Global Justice Team at Holy Cross Lutheran Church has been working closely with the York Region Outreach Van for many years. At the moment our volunteers have been asked to stay home and the limited staff working from the outreach Van is working 'flat out' in their attempt to serve the expanding number of clients. Requests for food, particularly, account for the greater number of clients being seen by Van staff.

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter
Tuna
Baked Beans
Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)
Canned Soup



If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



**To arrange pick-up or drop-off
of your donation: Email**

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