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[ACTS 3:12-19; PSALM 4; 1 JOHN 3:1-7; LUKE 24:36B-48](#)



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Puis il leur dit: «C'est ce que je vous disais lorsque j'étais encore avec vous: Alors il leur ouvrit
l'intelligence afin qu'ils comprennent les Ecritures et il leur dit: «Ainsi, il était écrit que le Messie
souffrirait et qu'il ressusciterait le troisième jour, et que la repentance et le pardon des péchés
seraient prêchés en son nom à toutes les nations, à commencer par Jérusalem.
Vous êtes témoins de ces choses. *Luc 24:44-48*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN - O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

<https://youtu.be/QNgrbgGafv0>

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease—
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

...

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. - *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

Amen. Alleluia!

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER 1 Corinthians 5.7-8; Romans 6.9-11; 1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia!



To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord Acts 3:15-20

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - A READING FROM ACTS 3:12-20

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



There are many who say,
'O that we might see some
good! Let the light of your face
shine on us, O Lord!' You have
put gladness in my heart more
than when their grain and wine
abound. I will both lie down and
sleep in peace; for you alone,
O Lord, make me lie down in
safety. Psalm 4

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PSALM 4 *Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies*

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

**But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.**

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**



See what love the Father has
given us, that we should be called
children of God; and that is what
we are. The reason the world
does not know us is that it did
not know him. Beloved, we are
God's children now; what we will
be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this: when
he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is. 1 John 3:1-2

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A READING FROM 1 JOHN 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called *children of God*; and that is what we are. *The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN - Now the Green Blade Riseth — Choir of Ely Cathedral

<https://youtu.be/27p98aLPZPI>

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain
Love lives again, that with the dead has been
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green

In the grave they laid Him, love whom we had slain
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain
He that for three days in the grave had lain
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain
Thy touch can call us back to life again
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green



'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures... You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:38-48

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THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LUKE 24:36-48

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he *opened their minds to understand* the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 1:11-13 He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.

ANTHEM OF REFLECTION – *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended?*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast You offended,
That we to judge You have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord that has undone You!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

For me, kind Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation;
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You, and will ever pray You,
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deserving.

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*
I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

"O Lord, you have taught us that without love, whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.
Amen."

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE 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. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER -

Rejoicing in the presence of God, let us pray as Jesus taught

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.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING

God Creator, allow us to be always known as the children of God, that through us, Jesus will become known for ever in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

<https://youtu.be/RFktMLdeFac>

¹My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

² When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

³ His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

⁴ When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

Amen.

OUR POSTLUDE - Alleluia Alleluia - Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

<https://youtu.be/2U1MuOCHon4>

Refrain Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **Refrain**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. **Refrain**

God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! **Refrain**

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **Refrain**

Bible readings for Sunday April 25; Being Known!
[ACTS 4:5-12; PSALM 23; 1 JOHN 3:16-24; JOHN 10:11-18](#)

... Announcements

AUDREY WILLIAMS: IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF A DEAR LONG TIME MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY. **REST IN ETERNAL PEACE AUDREY.**

SHIRLEY KINSEY: WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SHIRLEY KINSEY ON FRIDAY APRIL 30 AT 11:00AM. PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO BARNABAS@BELLNET.CA TO CONFIRM YOUR PRESENCE.

Sunday Morning Church: We expect to remain open for in-person gatherings at Church: Sunday April 25 at 10:00AM Please register your intention to attend by email at barnabas@bellnet.ca

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