

PARISH LIFE

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:

WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal

Introit (11:15 only) "Easter Entrada" -Wetzler

Senior Choir

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Versicles, Gloria & Salutation

Third Sunday of Easter: Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living. Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Introduction: *"Repent, be baptized with water and you will receive the Holy Spirit!"* Powerful words from eleven disciples who only a few days earlier had been cringing in fear. But now, they have "seen the Lord!" In one day, Peter's blunt preaching had won "about 3,000 souls" to Christ! Knowing that Jesus had risen, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were now fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Christ the Lord.

Acts 2:14a,36-47: *"But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and*

many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Psalm 116:11-16 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 11 What shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he has done unto me?
- 12 ***I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.***
- 13 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people; dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- 14 ***O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have broken my bonds asunder.***
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 **I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord’s house, even in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

SECOND READING

Introduction: Ever wondered what happened to those 3,000 Jews who turned to Jesus? Peter opens his first letter to these and all the Jews who became followers of Christ, and comforts them in their persecutions and sufferings. In this lesson, Peter reminds them that the Father’s spotless lamb, Jesus Christ, has ransomed them by His precious blood. As a result, all those who trust in God’s Son have been born again and are called to a life of mutual love.

1 Peter 1:13-25: Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love

one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God. For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you.

HOLY GOSPEL

Introduction: Jesus Christ did not rise as a spirit but He rose – body, soul, and spirit. This lesson reminds us why. He eats with the disciples! Moreover, He shows how his life, death, and resurrection were already foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures - our Old Testament!

St. Luke 24:13-35: And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. One of *them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. “But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also 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 exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! “Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?” And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.” They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon Hymn

The Sermon

Fr. Ward

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession

Pr Bk.pp. 45,61,47

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory 9:15am
11:15am

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Week Preface (Euch. Prayer B)

Pr.Bk.p. 54

Communion Hymn 9:15am
9:15 & 11:15am

Thanksgiving & Priest’s Blessing
Closing Hymn

Pr.Bk.p. 52
Hymnal

The Dismissal CLERGY: “Let us bless the Lord.”
PEOPLE: “Thanks be to God”

THE CALENDAR

Sun.	4/26	7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE	
Mon.	4/27		
Tues.	4/28		
Wed.	4/29		
Thur.	4/30		
Sat.	5/02		
Sun.	5/03	8, 9:15 & 11am HE	9:15 & 11am Sunday School

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Hymnal