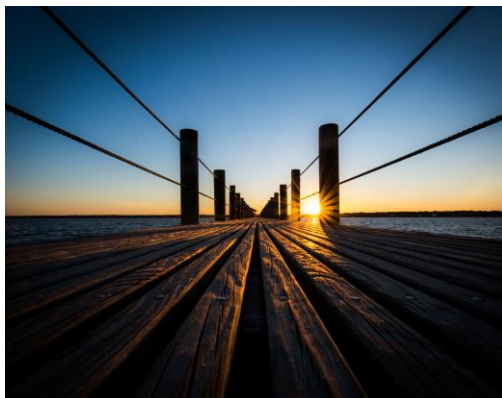


Beckwith Sunday

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020



Welcome and opening words of introduction about the liturgy.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ has risen

People The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praying in unison Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

SONG OF PRAISE LEAN ON ME

Verse 1: Sometimes in our lives,
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But, if we are wise, we know that there's
Always tomorrow

Chorus: Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For, it won't be long, till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Verse 2: If there is a load, you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road, and I'll share your load
If you just call me

Refrain of Chorus

Verse 3: Please swallow your pride,
if I have things, You need to borrow,
for no one can tell, Those of your needs that you
won't let show **Refrain of Chorus**

Bridge: (Clapping)

Well just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on
Refrain of Chorus

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Day

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.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a.36 - 41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now

when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' 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.

THE BECKWITH CREED *In place of the Nicene Creed, the Bishop has given permission to use the following Beckwith Creed that was composed by campers at the Senior Hight Summer Camp session a few years ago.*

WE BELIEVE that Camp Beckwith is holy ground and a safe place for us to be real.
that the summer camp staff is the best ever and they help us see God.

WE BELIEVE that summer is the best time of the year and rain is not so bad.
that God was having a bad day when He made yellow flies and mosquitos, and we believe in dinosaurs.

WE BELIEVE that all people have the same rights, and we do mean all.

WE BELIEVE in equality and in the right to choose,
And that God's sacraments are for everyone.

WE BELIEVE that laughter is good for the soul,
that miracles can and do happen, and that once saved, always saved.

WE BELIEVE that there is love in the world, that friendship is romance,
in general respect, and that nobody deserves to suffer.

WE BELIEVE in loyalty and that peace is obtainable.

WE BELIEVE in God, and that God knows everything. We don't know how, but we believe it.

WE BELIEVE in Jesus and that he is alive

WE BELIEVE in the power of prayer. We hope for happiness. And we believe that we are going to heaven.

WE BELIEVE that we are blessed and beautiful.

WE BELIEVE in love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of forests, and bayous, for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. Increase our reverence for the beauty and the mystery of life; give us new insight into your purposes for us as stewards of your creation, and give us wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all the leaders of the people of the world, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move their hearts and guide their actions, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For our diocesan family, that we may grow in love for one another and for all people. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For our teenagers who are claiming their lives, for our children who are beginning their lives. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer



O God, in the course of this busy life, thank you for times of refreshment and peace; grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all people who have no time for leisure, for the poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the sick and suffering, and all who have none to care for them. We pray especially for refugees and those who are for them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures. We cry to you, as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now. Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place! Guide our leaders, our scientists, our nurses and doctors. Give them wisdom and fill their hearts with courage and determination. Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save, and in illness or death, we find the cross to be none other than the way of life. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Celebrant I invite your petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

SONG PEACE GIVE I TO YOU

Verse 1:

Peace give I to you; Peace give I to you
Not as the world gives-give I to you
Peace give I to you

Verse 2:

Love give I to you; Love give I to you.
Not as the world gives give I to you
Love give I to you

Verse 3:

Joy give I to you; Joy give I to you
Not as the world gives give I to you
Joy give I to you

Repeat Verse 1:

Peace give I to you; Peace give I to you
Not as the world gives give I to you
Peace give I to you

The Lord's Prayer *And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

During this season of separation and fasting from the reception of communion, let us remember our times gathered together at table, how our hearts were warmed, our souls were nourished, our eyes were opened and our lives were consecrated for love and service in God's world. As the Body of Christ, let us pray together this final collect,

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal Hymn I'll Fly Away by Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

Chorus: I'll fly away, oh Glory I'll fly away when I die
Hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have flown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (Chorus)

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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