

**Prayers of the People**

God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence from generation to generation, blessing your people, strengthening us to lives of service, empowering us to witness. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your creation.

For all the People of God, may we be true and faithful servants of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that You, Lord God, will comfort and sustain them, remembering especially . . ., let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For those finding themselves on the path to Jesus Christ as their Saviour, that You will bring them to true faith and knowledge of Yourself, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For those who are hungry, may we all find ways to give freely to feed them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, remembering . . ., let us ask the peace of Christ. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. Amen.**

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Common Praise - 634, 232

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Hymn - We Will Lay Our Burdens Down 545

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# The Anglican Parish of Bright

All Saints', Keswick Ridge & St Paul's, Zealand

**Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us, while you speak. *See Luke 24.32***

Welcome to our services today - We are pleased to have you share with us. If you are visiting, it would be nice if you would sign our guest book, before you leave the church. If you would like to join us on a regular basis, please give us your contact information, so we can keep in touch. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion of the Body & Blood of Christ. If you are not receiving and would like to have a blessing, please come forward to the communion rail and fold your arms, as you kneel.

## St Paul's 11:00 - ORDER OF SERVICE - BCP

Songs of Praise - 3, 31, 75

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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.***

### **A Reading from Acts (3:12-19)**

Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release him. You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! "Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes. "Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things. Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

### **Psalm 4**

Answer me when I pray, O God, my defender! When I was in trouble, you helped me. Be kind to me now and hear my prayer.

***How long will you people insult me? How long will you love what is worthless and go after what is false?***

Remember that the Lord has chosen the righteous for his own, and he hears me when I call to him.  
***Tremble with fear and stop sinning; think deeply about this, when you lie in silence on your beds.***

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

***There are many who pray: "Give us more blessings, O Lord. Look on us with kindness!"***

But the joy that you have given me is more than they will ever have with all their grain and wine.

***When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe. O God, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.***

### **A Reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John (3:1-7)**

The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world do not understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him. Dear friends, now we are children of God. We have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him. We will see him as he really is. Christ is pure. And every person who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure like Christ. When a person sins, he breaks God's law. Yes, sinning is the same as living against God's law. You know that Christ came to take away sins. There is no sin in Christ. So the person who lives in Christ does not go on sinning. If he goes on sinning, he has never really understood Christ and has never known him. Dear children, do not let any person lead you the wrong way. Christ is righteous. To be like Christ, a person must do what is right.

The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Hymn - Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:36b-48)**

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he ate it as they watched. Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' You are witnesses of all these things.

**The Gospel of Christ**

People: ***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.***

The Nicene Creed

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