



Sunday, April 19th—The Second Sunday of Easter A Service of the Word

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Greeting

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant Let us praise our God

All **who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Officiant Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

All **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

Officiant O God, you have claimed us as your own

All **and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant Blessed are you, God of our salvation: to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made and praise you for your mighty acts.

All Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of

those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

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The Officiant and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.

Officiant

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

People

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

Officiant

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

People

**Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

Officiant

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

People

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

Officiant

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

People

**I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

Officiant

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

People

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

Officiant

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

All

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

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result

in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

Officiant Death is swallowed up in victory.

People **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Officiant Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

Officiant The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.

People **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Officiant We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

People **Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?**

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Officiant A Reading from the Gospel of John.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

Affirmation of Faith and the Baptismal Covenant

Officiant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

All **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 God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

I will persevere in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbours as myself.

I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

At the end of each petition, the response (R) will be sung once. After the last petition, it will be sung twice.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-enLord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Officiant Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

For peace from on high and for our salvation; for the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all: **R**

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God into worship; for all those who this Eastertide have, through baptism, been illumined by the light of Christ: **R**

For Andrew and Riscylla our bishops, and the presbyters, the deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God: **R**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people; for those who have been called to lead us in this time of global pandemic, and for the spirit of cooperation between the nations: **R**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed—especially those afflicted with COVID-19—, travellers and prisoners, the dying and the dead, especially those who are dying without the presence of loved ones: **R**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love; for patience with those with whom we are quarantined and for concern for those who are far away or alone: **RR**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 231—That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

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**That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

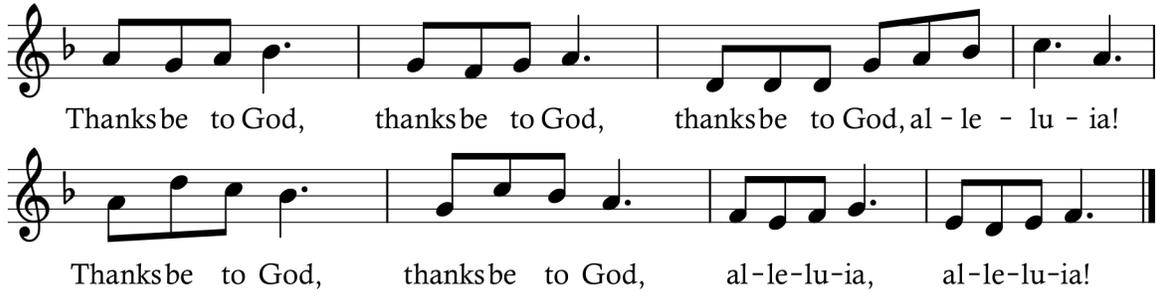
**He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**From every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield, alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide,
in this our joyful Eastertide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus, the king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess, alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Let us go in peace to proclaim the Resurrection of the Lord!



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!