

The Second Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer Service

April 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn – “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

And here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came
To the Earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Oh I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Opening Sentence

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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 neighbors 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.**

The Officiant continues

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Christ our Passover *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

All **therefore let us keep the feast,**

Officiant Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

All **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Officiant Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

All **death no longer has dominion over him.**

Officiant The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

All **but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

Officiant So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

All **and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

Officiant Christ has been raised from the dead, *

All **the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

Officiant For since by a man came death, *

All **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

Officiant For as in Adam all die, *

All **so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

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

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

All **Alleluia.**

Psalm 133 *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant How very good and pleasant it is

All **when kindred live together in unity!**

Officiant It is like the precious oil on the head,

All **running down upon the beard,**

Officiant On the beard of Aaron,

All **running down over the collar of his robes.**

Officiant It is like the dew of Hermon,

All **which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

Officiant For there the LORD ordained his blessing,

All **life for evermore.**

First Reading **Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant Surely, it is God who saves me; *

All **I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

Officiant For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

All **and he will be my Savior.**

Officiant Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
All **from the springs of salvation.**

Officiant And on that day you shall say, *
All **Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Officiant Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
All **see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Officiant Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
All **and this is known in all the world.**

Officiant Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
All **for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

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

Second Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant Splendor and honor and kingly power *
All **are yours by right, O Lord our God,**

Officiant For you created everything that is, *
All **and by your will they were created and have their being;**

Officiant And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
All **for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**

Officiant From every family, language, people, and nation, *
All **a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

Officiant And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
All **and to Christ the Lamb,**

Officiant Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
All **for ever and for evermore.**

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

The Gospel **John 20:19-31**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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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The Sermon.....Ginnie Glassman

Apostles' Creed

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 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.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

All **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.**

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Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “My Lighthouse” by Rend Collective

Collect

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

Reader O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Officiant We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Steve, Maggie, David, Joanne, and Tom.

Officiant We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of David, Nils, Catherine, Charles, Roger, Andrew, William, Randall, Aaron, Gail, Katherine, Elizabeth, James, Charles, Nehemiah, Grace, Maxine, and Michael.

Officiant I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

Officiant prays for all prayer requests.

Officiant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

All Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!