



Second Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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Welcome! The risen Lord appeared to the apostles that first Easter. With His Word and His wounds, He granted them His peace. He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). By this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name,” (John 20:31). Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We teach that we receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Those communing with us make a public confession of the Christian faith as taught by our congregation and church body. If you are visiting, please speak with a pastor before coming to the Lord’s Table.

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn

“We are Called to Stand Together”

828

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit (Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon, 1 Peter 2:2-3)

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it,
you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**C: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name.
Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

**C: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

**C: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgements he uttered.**

P: He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**C: Glory be 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.**

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it,
you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie (Sung; for tune, please see page 152 in your hymnal.)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.


C: Amen.


Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect


P The Lord be with you.


C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may, by Your grace, confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving 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 were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C: Christ is risen from the dead,

(God the Father) has crowned Him with glory and honor,
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
He has put all things under His feet.

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And 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 is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say 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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" 470

Sermon

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Grant to those ordained for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to fulfill their holy calling where You have placed them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: As Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: You instituted authorities to carry out Your justice. Bless all who make, administer and judge our laws. Give them wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: As Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst, especially _____. Comfort also those who mourn, especially _____ with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father of the risen Christ, You give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good and continually grow up unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (Other specific petitions) Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

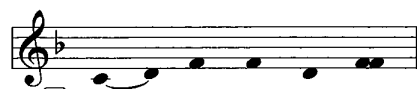
P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory "Create in Me" (For tune, see p. 192 in your hymnal.)

Preface to the Lord's Supper



P The Lord be with you.



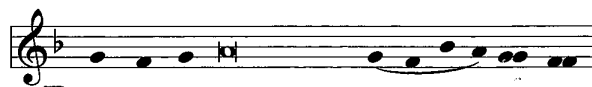
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end.

P: Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship; with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

(Spoken by the pastor)

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

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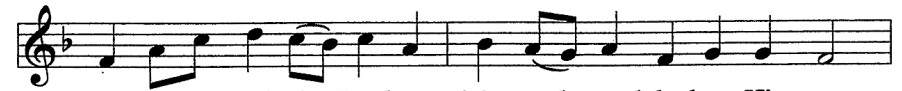
“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

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Post-Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray: O God, the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness, sent Your only-begotten son into the flesh, we thank You that, for His sake, You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

