



CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. April 11, 2021

Hymn #178 (1982) *“Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord”*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (refrain)
2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (refrain)
3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. (refrain)
4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (refrain)

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Confession

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

*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.*

Absolution

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

Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum
1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

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

The Lessons

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. Here ends the Reading.

The Canticle is prayed aloud together

11 The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminare
Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

John 20:19-31

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. Here ends the reading.

Homily

Hymn

Hymn tune- AURELIA D

1. When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me," He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see. He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch; He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.
2. When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say, "We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?" He wanted understanding of what he could not see. Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."
3. When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry, Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die." He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread; Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.
4. What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord! Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word. When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone; He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.
5. That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea; At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe. O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day; Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

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.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

We pray especially this day for those who are sick or suffering: John S., Sully, Joey, Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Gloria, John... and all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

We commend to you all who have died especially all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

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. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn #711 (1982) *"Seek Ye First"*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened to you; Allelu, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we
can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the
Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

Hymn

Hymn tune-Nettleton

1. Why must doubt be such a bad thing? Why must Thomas be so shamed? Through his trauma he was kept from seeing what his friends had claimed. He was in the depths of grieving, stuck in his own deathly tomb. In his sorrow Thomas left them, soon his hidden hope would bloom.
2. Jesus came to see the others in a household locked in fear; showed his arms, his hands, his body, all the scars caused by the spear. Jesus breathed the Spirit on them, passed the peace they longed to know. On their knees they worshiped Jesus, praised his name, their hearts aglow.
3. Thomas came and soon rejoined them, then they said "we've seen the Lord!" But, his eyes demanded seeing Jesus' flesh pierced by the sword. Jesus came and greeted Thomas, showed him he was no facade. Kneeling down and filled with wonder, Thomas said, "My Lord, My God!"
4. Why must doubt be such a bad thing - seeking what we do not know? It can help us journey forward; after all, it's how we grow! Faith is found in doubtful moments, times when we cannot believe. Christ will find us all regardless, more than we could e'er conceive!