



The Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday at 6:30pm

Sunday at 7:45am & 10:15am

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Lives (#153)

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763-1841, abr.;
tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;
From the gloomy house of death Forth the conqueror has gone,
Bright forerunner to the skies Of his people, yet to rise.*
- 2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; Praise him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.*
- 3 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our brother here Lives our brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on his Church below.*
- 4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours eternally;
Joined to him, your living head, Where he is, you too shall be;
You with him at his right hand Victor over death shall stand.*

INVOCATION

please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: In the presence of the living God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal, we confess our sins.

C: **We confess that we often set our minds the enemies You came to defeat: on sin and death and devil, and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt Your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect Your creation. Forgive us O' God, and bring about the new life within us, that we might revel and live in the salvation You have purchased.**

M: Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!"

St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." By the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are saved. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and Sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-20

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a

murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 16

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I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.

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.*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:29b

Using the tune of A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (171)

Christ is a-ris-en, let us sing! Indeed He's risen! Let it ring!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bless-ed are those who have not seen and yet believe the glorious scene!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” ²⁶ A week

later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN OF THE DAY O Sons and Daughters of the King (#165:1,4-7)

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 4 That night th' apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear
And said, "Peace be unto you here." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SERMON

after the sermon, please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

please be seated

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (#402:1,2,4)

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

*1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!*

*2 May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!*

*4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: (*Spoken*) Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb (#159)

Text: William B. Collyer, 1782-1854, abr.

- 1 *Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies, See the glorious Savior rise.***
- 2 *You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.***
- 3 *Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears.
Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.***