

Sunday Worship, Rite II for the Second Sunday of Easter, Year B



St John's Episcopal Church
Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 10 am
Online or by phone on ZOOM:
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleulia! Christ is Risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray. *(the people kneel or stand)*

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word *(the people are seated)*

First Reading A reading from 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: The Word of the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 133

Book of Common Prayer, p. 787

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.

Second Reading

A reading from 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God**

We Greet the Gospel in Song *Now The Green Blade Riseth* Hymnal 1982 #204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)

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.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer, pg. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Presider: We gather to rejoice in the message delivered to us from the women at the tomb on the third day, that Jesus is not among the dead, but he has risen! Hear our prayers, O God, and continue your work of bringing life out of death, as we pray:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Almighty God, from the first Easter dawn your Church has proclaimed the resurrection of Christ and preached peace in his name: We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our Bishop; Wendell and Stewart, our Retired Bishops; Susie, our Vicar; Linda, our Deacon and our Music Ministers. We pray for St. Barnabas', Chelsea; All Saints', Pontiac and Church of the Redeemer, Barahona, Dominican Republic. We pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Empower your people to live in his life, to share in his communion, and to continue his ministry of healing and reconciliation in the world.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Everlasting God, in Christ you have initiated a new the heaven and the new earth of your reign: Let his peaceful Spirit of justice inspire the leaders of our nation and of every nation, that all may reverence you and do what is right and acceptable to bring delight to all people.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Loving God, bless this community and all towns and cities, that people may build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat their fruit, and that no more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, but that our days may be like the days of a tree.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Compassionate God, your mercy endures for ever and your right hand is exalted: We pray for those on our St. John's prayer list.... Be with people everywhere who live with death, disease, poverty or oppression, and deliver them with your power.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

We rejoice and give thanks for God's many blessings, especially for Katelyn Houghton Fogill, celebrating her birthday.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

We entrust to the new life of resurrection those who have died, especially, Pearl Warnke; Willian C. Kundo; Jim Sosko; those who have died from Covid-19 and all our Loved Ones. Give us faith to believe that neither life, nor death, or anything in all of creation can separate us from your love.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Prsider: The stone is rolled away from the tomb, and we stand amazed before the resurrection gift of God: Fill our hearts with new life and hope, that we may continually be witnesses of the power of God, as brothers and sisters in the fellowship of Christ and servants of your Spirit of healing and reconciliation, through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution Book of Common Prayer, pg. 360
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Hymn I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light The Hymnal 1982 #490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us, saying,

**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.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Presider gives the blessing, and then the Deacon or Presider dismisses and the people respond:
Thanks be to God!

Thank you to those assisting with today's worship

Presider	The Rev. Susie Shaefer
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Linda Shafer
Lectors	Steve & Beth Leuchtman
Teller	Steve Leuchtman

Our Prayer List

Sandy Baker	John Basinger	Doug Beasley	Jessica Beamer
Denver Brown	Will Clayton	Katie Dorr	Herb Fetty
Vern Fry	Jamie Fulton	Teri Gates	Titan Geiger
Emily Hilton	Max Hilton	Todd Holland	Steve Houghton
Donna Hughes	Idella	Nicole Madigan	Ann Mason
Kristen Maylone	Forrest Murphy	Pat Murphy	Rosemary Niblack
Keith Nolan	John Opyrchal	Goldie Peevey	Tonia Porterfield
Judy Rosacrans	Kim Rosacrans	Al Squier	Alan Squier
Brenda Squier	June Squier	Paddy Squires	Adam Stevens
Trish Sherman	Pastor Sarah Mayer-Flatt	Pastor Paul Donelson	

Our Military

Sgt. David Fuller	Ensign Jacob Shafer	Capt. Curtis Joslin
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