

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### The New Testament

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### The Gospel

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 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." 26 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." 27 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." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 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." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Third Sunday of Easter

### The New Testament

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Living in Easter Hope: The Gift of Peace

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter



Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**John 20:29b**

# Peace Lutheran Church

*The Church that Welcomes and Serves*

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**Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org) or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.**

+ **We worship in person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.**

+ **We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under.

A cry room is just outside the worship space. Please bring your own toys.

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshipping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

+ **Decisions about when a child should receive Communion** belong to the family. Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ **Transportation:** Need a ride to worship? Call the church and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

+ **If you would like to make an offering** to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ **If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care** please contact Pastor John ([pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org), 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

## THE GATHERING

**Welcome** Leader: Christ is risen! **People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening Songs** "Show Yourself Mighty" Albert Jamison, 2007 \*

Show yourself mighty. Show yourself strong.

Show yourself awesome in the midst of the storm.

In the time of trouble, he will give us a song. Show yourself mighty, show yourself strong.

"King Of My Heart"

Text & music: John Mark & Sarah McMillan, © Meaux Jeux Music, Rauous Ruckus Publishing, (admin. Capitol CMG Publishing, McMillan, Sarah) \*

Let the King of my heart, be the mountain where I run. The fountain I drink from, oh, he is my song. Let the king of my heart, be the shadow where I hide. The ransom for my life, oh, he is my song.

Refrain: You are good, good, oh, oh, you are good, good, oh, oh.

Let the king of my heart, be the wind inside my sails. The anchor in the waves, oh, he is my song. Let the king of my heart, be the fire inside my veins. The echo of my days, oh, he is my song.

Refrain:

You're never gonna let, you're never gonna let me down. 'Cause you are good, good, oh, oh, you are good, good, oh, oh. When the night, is holding onto me, God is holding on.

"Lead Me To the Rock"

Stephen Hunt, 2004 A Call to Worship: Live in D.C. \*

When my heart is overwhelmed, I ask you, lead me to the rock.

Lead me to the rock, that's higher than I, oh Lord.

When my heart is overwhelmed, my prayer is, lead me to the rock.

Lead me to the rock, that's higher than I, that's higher than I.

You are my firm foundation, my salvation, my solid rock.

## Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

## Prayer

### THE WORD

*(See back of bulletin for readings)*

## The New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

## The Gospel Song "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Burgundy Book Hymn 98

Text: Robert Gall, b. 1949; Music: Robert Gall, b. 1949, © 1976 Maranatha! Music, admin. The Copyright Company \*

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him

And say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

## The Gospel Song "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

**11 am Children's Worship Time** *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

## Sermon

Rev. Jo Nivling Izquierdo

## Song of the Day "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Red Book Hymn 392

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.; Music: Rowland H. Pritchard, 1811-1877 \*

## Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

**The Prayers of the People of God** *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

**Prayer Response:** "O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God"

Text and music: Edwin Hatch, Celebrating Our Faith 1999 \*

O breathe on me, O breath of God, fill me with life anew.

That I may love the things you love, and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God, until my heart is pure.

Until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

## THE MEAL

## The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Burgundy Book pg. 39

## The Meal Is Shared

*(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)*

## Communion Songs "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Burgundy Book Hymn 283

Text: Thomas C. Chisholm, 1866-1960; Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957 \*

## The Communion Blessing

## THE SENDING

## The Benediction

## Sending Song "How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves 2004 Rising Springs Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) \*

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty, let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide and trembles at his voice and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God, sing with me how great is our God,

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

**The Dismissal** Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

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