

Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020
9:00 am

Livestream on Facebook

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here*



The Word of God with Spiritual Communion

Opening Hymn

That Easter day with joy was bright

Hymnal 193 v. 1-5

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - dience glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Salutation

Presider Alleluia. 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.***

The Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

S-280 *Gloria in excelsis*, Setting: Robert Powell (b.1932)

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

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 Lessons

A Reading from *Acts 2:14a,22-32*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

***I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."***

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
***in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.***

A Reading from 1 Peter 1:3-9

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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 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. 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, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual**Celtic Alleluia**

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The Gospel John 20:19-31

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	<i>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</i>
Presider	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	<i>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.</i> <i>He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.</i> <i>He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.</i> <i>He descended to the dead, On the third day he rose again.</i> <i>He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</i> <i>He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</i>
Presider	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	<i>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.</i>
Presider	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Presider	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Presider	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Presider	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Presider	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Presider	May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

Presider In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop; Susan, for Roger, Cathey, Jack and Al our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Today we remember _____. Are there others? Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the Risen Christ who is revealed to God's people in boundless ways. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Today we remember _____. Are there others?

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Together let us pray for those serving in the armed forces, first responders, healthcare workers, essential workers and their families

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families.

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and challenges; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Lord of life, we thank you for the miracle of your resurrection. Bless this world with the peace that only you can give, and compel us to be instruments of your peace where ever we may go. This we pray in the Name of the Risen Christ. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Presider *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.*

Presider 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.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Birthday, Anniversary and Travel Prayers

The Offertory Anthem *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) by Mary Lynn Lightfoot*

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be - low;



Praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.*

Spiritual Communion

Presider: It is a tradition on Easter in Episcopal churches to share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion, sharing in Christ's Body and Blood. This year is different, for while Jesus is the Word of God come down from heaven, and we have feasted on that Word, we cannot share in Holy Communion until we come back together in person. Our church allows a person who hungers for Holy Communion to share in its benefits. This is called Spiritual Communion, and it draws us together as the Body of Christ in this world.

Let us pray together a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be braised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider: God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring of love be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

(source: Celtic – Enriching our Worship)

Closing Hymn

Christ is Alive!

Hymnal 182; v.1,2,5



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Liturgical Leaders

Presider and Preacher	Rev. Roger Haenke
Readers	Norma Dunn, Judy Butcher
Gospel/Dismissal	Rev. Jack Tolley
Prayers of the People	Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Psalmist/Soloist	Jane Ferguson
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Announcer	Mark Higginbotham

Prayers List

Today and every day include some time for prayer, for yourself, for your church family, and for those in need.

For our Military

Matt Jensen, Drew Shorkey, Cody Crossland, Cameron Ronie, Chariti Paden, Mark Stanfield, Sean Robinson, Jonathan Martinez, TK Nguyen, Christopher Lindshield, Timothy Lindshield, Jeremy Colton, David Sanchez, Jonathan Baldera, Nick Wyatt, Jamal Warner, Matt Hernandez, Daniel Getreu, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold, Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales and Richie Lebron.

For strength in time of need

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Rob McKay, Bill Rogers, Brian Elly, Marcia Schramm, Ed Thomas, Bernie Poindexter, Donna Saunders-Williams, Mary Ann Gurno, Liz Dewar, Dean Peters, Caroline Bajo and Barbara Duncan.

Those unable to come to services, but thankful for their continuing connection with Saint John's especially Lois Miller, Juanita Hart and Paul Erickson.

(Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks and should be submitted by Wednesday. If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: maria@saint-johns.org.)

We Are Available in Your Time of Need

If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call Rev. Roger at 619-301-0724 or email revroger@saint-johns.org

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