

Worship Bulletin for the 2nd Sunday of Easter
Upstate New York Synod
April 11, 2021

WELCOME

*The Rev. Lori Kochanski
Assistant to the Bishop*

PRELUDE

“The Lord is Risen Today”
from *Revealing the Power of the Living Christ* - Lloyd Larson
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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The Rev. Pamela Hoh
Hope, North Greenbush*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shea Stannard, St John's, Albany

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum
St. Paul's, Pittsford*

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Tom Madden, Synod Vice President

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

32Now 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. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There 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. 35They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

Behold, How Pleasant (Miren qué Bueno)

ELW #649

Led by St Luke's, Ithaca's GarageBand Choir: Sophie Sparrow, Kristin Zaryski, Nicole Nelson,
Ev Nelson, Jeff Snedeker, Geoff Royall, Andy Antal, and Erik Kibelsbeck

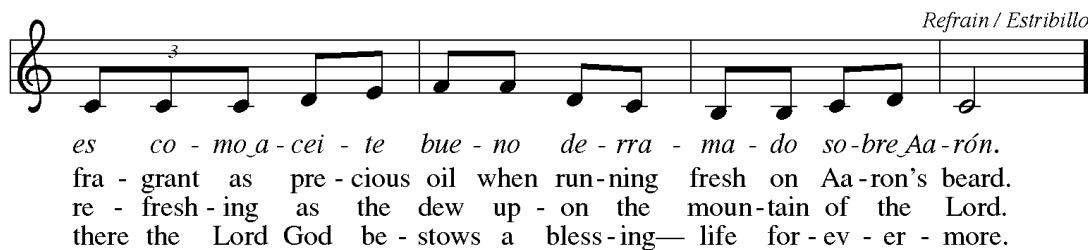
*See next page.**Each refrain will be sung first in Spanish, then in English.*

Refrain / Eстрибillo



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:
 1 How plea - sant and har - mo-nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
 2 How plea - sant and har - mo-nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
 3 How plea - sant and har - mo-nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

Refrain / Eстрибillo



es co - mo_a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
 fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
 re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
 there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

2 *Miren qué bueno es cuando nos reunimos todos juntos: se parece al rocío sobre los montes de Sión.* Eстрибillo

3 *Miren qué bueno es cuando nos reunimos todos juntos: porque el Señor nos manda vida eterna y bendición.* Eстрибillo

Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933, based on Psalm 133
 Music: MIREN QUÉ BUENO, Pablo Sosa
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GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Rev. Gail Wolling

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

19When 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.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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.”

26A 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.” 27Then 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.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But 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, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Bishop John Macholz

HYMN OF THE DAY*Thine is the Glory*

ELW #376, LBW #145

Previously recorded by musicians and assembly of Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Albany

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

2 Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*Todd Eames, UNY Synod Treasurer***LORD'S PRAYER****BLESSING***The Rev. Becca Ehrlich
Interim Director for Evangelical Mission*

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Previously recorded at Holy Trinity, Buffalo

ELW #367

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL*The Rev. Becca Ehrlich*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Fanfare” from *Premier Suite*, Jean-Joseph Mouret,
arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Julie Grindle, organ; Tom Grindle, trumpet



Thanks to all congregations and individuals who contributed to this service by providing music either newly or previously recorded, images bringing to mind baptism and new life, readings, or ideas. We are a better Church because of each of you! Praise be to God for the resurrection joy given to us by our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

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Psalm 133: The St. Luke, Ithaca GarageBand Choir: Sophie Sparrow, Kristin Zaryski, Nicole Nelson, Ev Nelson, Jeff Snedeker, Geoff Royall, Andy Antal, and Erik Kibelsbeck.

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