



**Easter 2**

**April 11, 2021**

**Prelude**

**Bell calling us  
together**

**Opening Hymn  
#184**

**1 Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
Tell it with a joyful voice.  
Christ has burst the three days' prison;  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice.  
Death is conquered, we are free;  
Christ has won the victory.**

**2 Come, you sad and fearful hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow.  
Death's dark shadows have departed,  
All our woes are over now;  
Through the passion that he bore,  
Sin and pain have pow'r no more.**

**3 Come with high and holy hymning;  
Chant our Lord's triumphant might.  
Not one gloomy cloud is dimming  
That bright glorious morning light  
Breaking o'er the purple east,  
Symbol of our Easter feast.**

**4 Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
And has opened heaven's gate.  
We are free from evil's prison,  
Risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom now and  
forever. Amen**

**The Collect for Purity**

**The Gloria**

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.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

**The Collect**

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 First Lesson**

## **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.

## **The Response**

### **Psalm 133**

#### ***Ecce, quam bonum!***

- 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.

## **The Epistle**

### **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.

## **The Gospel**

### **John 20:19-31**

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**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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

Let us entrust to Christ, our Risen Lord, the Church and the whole world with all people and their needs. Let us say:

**R/Lord, let your peace be with us.**

— That Christ really may be to all Christians their Lord and their God whom they follow and trust and love, let us pray to the Lord:

**R/ Lord, let your peace be with us.**

— That the Lord may gather around his one bread and cup all Christians now divided by both their beliefs and their prejudices; that all Christians may learn from the Lord to share with one another what they have, let us pray to the Lord:

**R/ Lord, let your peace be with us.**

— That the Lord may bring to us and to all sinners the peace of his forgiveness and new life; that he may give to those whose task it is to be peacemakers and reconcilers the tact, understanding and patience to unify, let us pray to the Lord:

**R/ Lord, let your peace be with us.**

— That Christ may always be found in his communities great and small, and make them one heart and one mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**R/ Lord, let your peace be with us.**

*I invite you to unmute yourselves if you wish to share a prayer with the community gathered here today*

For all o these we pray

**R/ Lord, let your peace be with us**

Lord our God, loving Father,  
we have not seen your risen Son  
nor placed our hands into his side,  
but we believe that he is our Lord.  
May this faith unite us in love  
and make us responsible  
for anyone in need among us.  
May we truly be a community

one in heart and soul,  
believing, hoping, sharing,  
breaking bread with one another in joy,  
and praising you, our God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving for Easter (Scottish Episcopal Church)

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross, eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be

forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." We now obey your Son's command We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

All: **Our Father...**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace**

**Gifts of God.....**

*Act of Spiritual Communion for those at home:* In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive your presence

sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen

#### **Hymn During Communion #184**

**1. Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Now through all the world it rings  
that the Lamb in King of kings.  
Alleluia!**

**Refrain:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed,  
Christ, today your people feed.  
Alleluia!**

**2. He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
takes our sin and guilt away  
that with angels we may say:  
Alleluia! (Refrain)**

**3. He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross  
is exalted now to save,  
wresting victory from the grave.  
Alleluia! (Refrain)**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have  
graciously accepted us as living  
members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and  
singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go and let God's word come alive in you.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

#### **Closing hymn #205**

**1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2. The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude....**