

# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*  
17<sup>th</sup> century painting by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, Potsdam, Germany

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Welcome to all who are here in person or watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here “to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare God’s people to share that grace with others”. You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns.

You are invited to participate however you wish.

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### Prelude

### The Word of God

#### Processional Hymn 212 (vs. 1&5)

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice,  
let Easter music swell;  
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice  
and on his praises dwell.

*Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand  
by seraphim adored!  
O Solitude again command  
your host from heaven restored!

#### The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant      <sup>†</sup> Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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#### The Collect for Purity

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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 In Excelsis

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1	Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2	Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
3	Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4	you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
5	you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
6	For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
7	Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

*Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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

*Please be seated.*

### 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### 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 Second Lesson

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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn 193 (vs. 1&5)

**1** That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light, when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

**5** All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise

## The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

*Priest*      <sup>†</sup> 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ..**

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

*Jesus said, Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. During this time may you receive this peace, which Jesus offers to all.*

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

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn LEVAS184 (vs. 1&3)

**1** Blessed assurance, Jesus  
 is mine! O what a  
 foretaste of glory divine!  
 Heir of salvation, purchase  
 of God, Born of His spirit,  
 washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story,  
 this is my song, Praising  
 my savior all the day long;  
 This is my story, this is my  
 song, Praising my savior  
 all the day long.*

*Blessed Assurance*

**3** Perfect submission, all  
 is at rest, I in my savior am  
 happy and blest; Watching  
 and waiting, looking  
 above, Filled with His  
 goodness, lost in His love.  
*Refrain*

*Praise God, Vs.3*

The Presentation Hymn 380

**3** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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*The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal

Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus S 130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said or sung by all:*

**[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymn 209 (vs. 1&4)

**1** We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.

*We walk by faith, and not by sight*

**4** that, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

## Communion Hymn 693 (vs. 1&6)

**1** Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Just as I am*

**6** Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to  
prove, here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant may bless the people.*

## Recessional Hymn 182 (vs. 1&5)

**1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.**

***Christ is alive!***

**5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.**

## The Dismissal

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*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

### Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, Darren, Ann, Jerry, Dwayne, Brian, and Angela. For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

## **Birthdays:**

4/11 Lynn Maleitzke  
4/13 Horace Higgins  
4/13 Jacob Smith

4/13 Ron Sedgley  
4/15 Chris Dunlap  
4/16 Christian Allen

## **Update from Fr. Paul+ on COVID measures for Worship Services**

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As you know, from the beginning of the pandemic, I have continually stayed abreast of guidance from the CDC, the Diocese, and other authorities to ensure that ECA is following best practices in terms of safety protocols. After reviewing and interpreting all currently available guidance, and in conjunction with discussions with the Vestry, we are putting in place the following COVID Safety Protocols for ECA. These protocols will remain in effect until further notice; however, you may be sure that I will continue to review, consider and interpret any new or additional guidance that may come along and revise these protocols accordingly so that ECA members may continue to worship together safely. At this time we will hold 2 inside worship services not to exceed 50 persons at 8:30am and 10:00am and 1 outside Sunday worship service not to exceed 75 persons at 11:15am with some modifications. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to slowly begin to resume worship among one another keeping within the trust granted to me and the Vestry that you have given us. We have been away from one another for some time and I am aware new "routines" have been created and getting "back in the saddle again" will take an intentional part from all of us. My hope and prayer is that being a part of a worshiping community with one another will take precedence once again in our lives and we will get back to making a difference in the lives of those who are in need both physically and spiritually. May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, Fr. Paul+

## **Altar Flower Dedications**

Thank you for supporting ECA Altar Flower Ministry. Please email your Altar Flower dedication (complete with wording in thanksgiving for/in memory of) to [ecanews@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecanews@bellsouth.net) or print and mail the form [here](#).

## **Reach Collecting Food items for Local Food Pantries We Support**

We may not be gathering for in-person worship services due to diocesan restrictions, but the need for food items at our local food pantries continues. We continue to support local charities Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. We are open during the week and you are welcome to come by on Sundays to drop off these much-needed items. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of helping those in need.

## **Sign up for the ECA Newsletter**

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

**ECA Finances to Date**

<b>(YTD) Through Feb. 2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Revenues	\$46,936	\$41,962	\$4,974
Expenses	<u>\$34,924</u>	<u>\$40,119</u>	<u>(\$5,195)</u>
Net Year to date	\$12,012	\$1,843	\$10,16

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