



Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith
by connecting to God and others
while reaching out with love

Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

Liturgy of the Word

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

Opening Hymn 192

This joyful Eastertide

Unison or harmony

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

Hymn

"Christ is Risen, alleluia! Sing to the Lord, alleluia!"

1. All you heavens, bless the Lord.
2. Frost and cold, bless the Lord.
3. You, light and darkness, bless the Lord.
4. Spirits and souls, bless the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
You, earth and water, bless the Lord.
Saints and humble-hearted, bless the Lord.

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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 Ministry of the Word

First Reading

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

All sing the Antiphon twice. Cantor will sing the Hebrew, all sing the English.



Hi - ney mah tov u - ma na - 'im Shev - et a - chim gam ya - chad.



To live in peace and u - ni - ty: this is our prayer, O God.

Traditional Hebrew Melody for Psalm 133 (*free translation by Stephen Mitchell*)



How wonderful / it is to live
in harmony / with all people:

Like stepping / out of a bath,
your whole body / fresh and vibrant;

Like / the morning dew, glistening
on the tiniest / blade of grass.

It is God's / infinite blessing,
a taste of e/ternal life.

All sing the Antiphon twice.

Second Reading

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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St Gervais, France

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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.

Hymn 318

Here, O my Lord

1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;

 here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

 here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

 and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed**standing*

**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*standing*

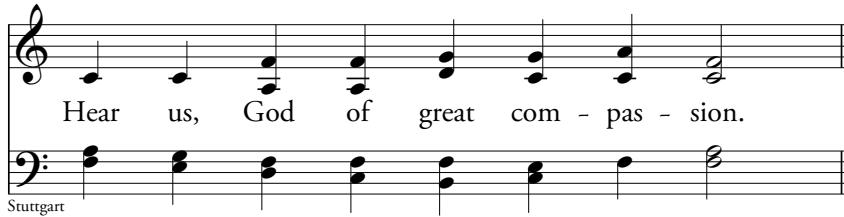
Presider Let us pray that the fruits of Christ's resurrection may be seen in our lives and throughout the world.

Leader Lord God, our loving heavenly Creator, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world. Give new life to us and all people.

Hear us, God of great compassion.

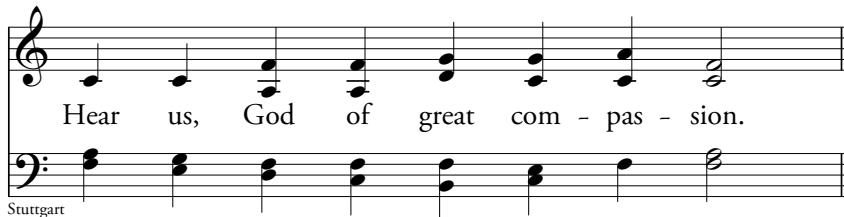
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Leader After his rising, Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Bring your peace to this world and to our own land.



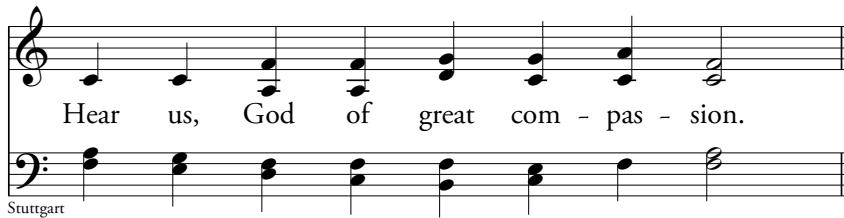
Hear us, God of great com - pas - sion.
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Leader Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are suffering, lonely, or grieving, especially those on our Parish prayer list, and those we now name, aloud or silently: ____.



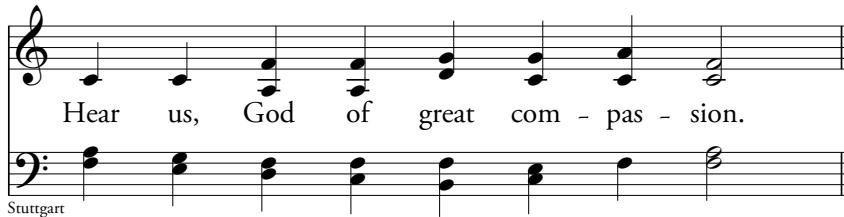
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Leader The Risen Christ met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection: Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the power of faith in their lives. We pray especially for Pat; Josh, Justina, Zach, Maddie and Gia; Jeff and Patty; Lloyd, Bianca and Maribeth, members of our parish family.



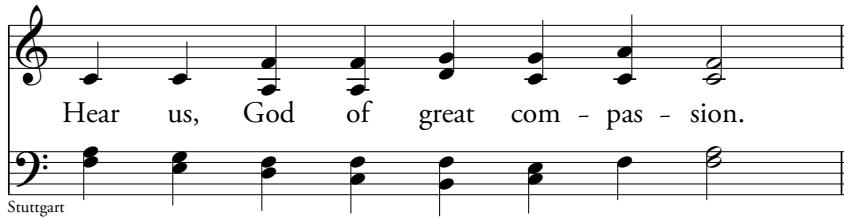
Hear us, God of great com - pas - sion.
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Leader Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.



Hear us, God of great com - pas - sion.
Stuttgart

Leader Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who have died, and lead them to life with you forever. This day we remember especially Carl Keesler, Karl Hesse, Chris Leveque, John Motley, and those we now name, aloud or silently: ____.



Hear us, God of great com - pas - sion.
Stuttgart

Presider Creator of All, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Offertory

Presider On this day God has acted; Jesus Christ is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Offertory Hymn 206

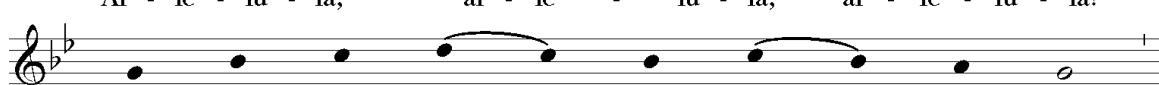
Alleluia O Sons and Daughters

Antiphon (at the beginning)



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

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



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

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Presider All things come of you O God.
People And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

standing

Presider

May God be with you.

All

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

Sanctus S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high
thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea-ried prais - es be; Ho - nor, Glo - ry, and Do - min - ion,
and E - ter - nal Vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and Ev - er - more. A - men.

Divinum Mysterium, 11th century

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

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements

Thanksgivings and Concerns

The Hands of God



To - day, to - mor - row and al - ways we re - joice in the hands of God. May God's
pow - er - ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's
lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - joice in the hands of God.

Blessing for Eastertide

Presider May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 208

Alleluia! the strife is o'er, the battle done

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing the power of the Spirit.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Prayer List

Keesler Family	Violaine
Green Family	Jennifer
David	Pam
Diane	Mary Pat
Matt M.	Chris
Katie	Carmel
Kristin E.	Cammy
John C.	Robyn
Steve	Skip
Julie	Rev. Steve
Christina	Sasha
Emily	Pat
Laurel & Saki	Rick
Ludie	Bob
Pat A.	Teresa
Leonard	Paula
Mike & Veronique	Jeff
Diane & Jared	Grace
Tarah & baby	Joy
Julie	Amy
John & family	Kathie
Sandy	John
Betsy	Shelly
Nancy	Julie
Altrina	Matthew
Phyllis I.	Dave
Klaus	Pat
Sally & Cary	Rosella
Glenn	John
Jennifer M.	Kris' family
Jim	Betty
Jake & family	Bev
Becky	Mike
Karen	Amy
Mark	Meg
Mary Lou	Rick
Kenny	Chaz
Len	Marcos
Peggy	Jim
Pauline	Jordan
Eloise	Dick
Katherine	

Please Pray for those in the Armed Services

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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