



**The Second Sunday of Easter  
St. Thomas and the Witnesses to the Resurrection  
Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Hymn “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”**

**Hymnal 296**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**The Bidding Prayer**

Dear Friends in Christ,

This joyful Eastertide let us celebrate Jesus’ resurrection by which he overcame death and the grave and restored us with all the saints unto his heavenly Father. Let us recall in sacred song and scripture and with great humility his return to the disciples in the words of the First Epistle of John:

*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.*

On this Sunday, let us give thanks for the communion of saints in all times and places who have witnessed to the resurrection of our Lord in their lives and in the world. May God’s grace empower us to be his witnesses in our generation, and to make a right beginning, let us pray the Collect for the Second Sunday in Easter.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** 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.*

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 LESSONS

*(Please be seated)*

#### The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Reader:** A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### The Canticle: Christ Our Passover

**Reader:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast,

**People:** Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

**Reader:** Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

**People:** The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

**Reader:** So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

**People:** Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Reader:** For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**People:** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

**The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gospel Hymn "That Easter day with joy was bright"**

**Hymnal 193**

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Narrator:** 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 Jesus said,

**Jesus:** "Peace be with you."

**Narrator:** After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

**Jesus:** "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

**Narrator:** When Jesus had said this, Jesus breathed on them and said to them,

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** 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 Thomas said to them,

**Thomas:** "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."

**Narrator:** 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,

**Jesus:** "Peace be with you."

**Narrator:** Then Jesus said to Thomas,

**Jesus:** "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

**Narrator:** Thomas answered Jesus,

**Thomas:** "My Lord and my God!"

**Jesus:** "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**Narrator:** 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.

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard**

#### **THE NICENE CREED**

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

#### **A Litany for Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection**

**Reader:** Let us give thanks to God our Father for the gift of His Son's resurrection and our calling to be disciples and to live in the power of his resurrection.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** For the witness of the women at the tomb and for Mary's call to share the news of the resurrection.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** For the gift of Thomas' doubt that became the seeds of faith that proclaimed: "My Lord and my God."

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** For the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on the road to Emmaus,

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** For Jesus' forgiveness of Peter and his calling to "feed God's sheep" as an apostle.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** For the communion of saints and their witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** For the raising up of your Church to baptize and make new disciples in all times and places.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** We pray for your Church: guard its faith, forgive its sins, preserve its unity.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** Send us forth to feed the hungry, heal the sick, minister to the homeless and respond to those in need.

**People:** Come risen Lord, empower us for ministry.

**Reader:** Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**People:** To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

### Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

**Reader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and Those Who Care for Them

Carter Harrigan

Stephen Brown

Tisha Austin

Patrick Farragher

Althea Prins

Fred & John Warren

Stella Waltemeire

The Hollinger Family

Bob Stewart

TJ Hill

Russell & Lula

Candi & Taylor

Gwenivere Black  
Evan Hansen  
Laura Harrigan  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family

**Reader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those with special ministries, especially:

Those Serving Our Country  
Shawn Austin  
Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospital and Emergency Room Workers  
Our Children, Our Schools, and Our Neighbors

### **Prayer for the People of Ukraine**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God our heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the people of Ukraine. Deliver them from the ravages of war, uphold their refugees and bind up their wounds. Guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they might live in peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayer for The Church of Our Redeemer**

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reader:** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Celebrant and People:** Have mercy upon us, most merciful, Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Absolution**

**Celebrant:** 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**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

*(Please be seated)*

## Announcements

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Offertory

### Offertory Anthem

“Doxology” at the Presentation

Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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:

**The Sanctus**

Hymnal S-129

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.

**Celebrant:** 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:** Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**Celebrant:** 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. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Celebrant and People:** 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**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** 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.

### **Covid Protocol Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion**

1. *We are following the CDC guidelines for Loudoun County, masks are optional.*
2. *The Celebrant sanitizes his hands prior to the consecration of the elements and remains masked for the reading of the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution.*
3. *At the distribution, we ask that you come forward, socially distanced with no more than 3-4 people at the altar rail at a time.*
4. *Stand or kneel at the rail. The Celebrant will drop the wafer into your hands. Partake the bread at the altar rail.*
5. *The Celebrant or Lay Eucharistic Minister will bring a tray of cups with wine to you. Take one and partake the wine at the altar rail.*
6. *Place the cup in the receptacle on your way back to the pew.*
7. *Please wait until those who have received Communion return to their seats so that we avoid passing each other in the aisle.*
8. *If you discover that you had Covid during this worship service or for a 2-week period following worship with us, please notify the office at [redeemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redeemeraldie@gmail.com).*

*(Please be seated)*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now,

Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### THE BLESSING

**Celebrant:** Go forth on this day in the power of the resurrection with the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Closing Hymn “He is risen, he is risen!”**

**Hymnal 180**

### THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

### Special Thanks to the Following

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard*

**Organist:** *Emma Jane “E.J.” Cochran*

**Reader:** *Cathy Devine*

*We also want to recognize the work of our  
Altar Guild and Ushers, as well as, those who read during the service.*

**Please join us after service for our Fellowship Dinner in our Parish Hall.**

### LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redeemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redeemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.