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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

April 20, 2020

## Second Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite II The Word of God

10:30 a.m.

Piano Prelude on He is Risen *Unser Herrscher*

Hymn 180 He is Risen *Unser Herrscher* (vs. 1 & 2)

1 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear-ful heart-ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-  
4 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! He hath o-pened

joy-ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris-on;  
ra-diant brow! Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed;  
um-phant day; not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming  
hea-ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris-on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con-quered,  
Je-sus' woes are o-ver now, and the pas-sion  
yon-der glo-rious morn-ing ray, break-ing o'er the  
ris-en to a ho-li-er state; and a bright-er

we are free, Christ has won the vic-to-ry.  
that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur-ple east, sym-bol of our Eas-ter feast.  
Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ has risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

*Descant*

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

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

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

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        And also with you.  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

### **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.*

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

**Psalm 16** read by Tim Price and accompanied by Levi Lebsack

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.  
5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### Hymn Celtic Alleluia



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### 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 Sermon

Fr. Tuck

### 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our congregants: Pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev. and Right Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for the people of St. John's, Lynchburg and their rector, the Rev. Chris Roussell. Pray for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama.*

*Pray for Jeanne Eichelberger, Carolyn West-Willette, Bettie Cadden, Frances Marcus, Rev. Susan Bentley, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Mary Craighill, Lori Sadler, Pam Holsten, Jordan (friend of David Cox), Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Pat Gibson, Polly Lawrence, Greg Lemmer, Kent Wilson, Myra Brush, and Susan Williams*

*Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.*

*Pray for Martha Burford as she discerns her call to the diaconate and her local reflection group, Uncas McThenia, Jeanne Eichelberger, Steve Shultis, Carey Harveycutter, Anne Hansen and Preston Evans.*

*In thanksgiving for birthdays this week of Peter Sailer, Lisa McGuire, Erika Brooke, Peter Berquist, Sarah Lewis, Buddy Atkins, and Genelle Gertz.*

**Priest:** Let us rejoice in the living hope that has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

**Lector:** In thanksgiving for the fellowship we share with Christians throughout the world, who hold high the light of Christ that overpowers death and reveals the promises of God's eternal reign; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Grant us your abiding and merciful presence, so that in the time of trial we will not be shaken, but may walk the path of your glory to the fullness of your joy; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Show us your wounds, that we may see your face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the abused and rejected, the lonely and despised, and respond with the sacrificial generosity by which you redeemed humanity from sin and evil; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Help us to be a people of forgiveness, moving beyond our feelings of betrayal and rejection, to forgive those who have pierced our hearts, and to receive forgiveness from those whom we have wounded, so that together we may receive the victory of love for which Christ gave his life; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Direct the Church on the road to mutual respect, fidelity, and peace honoring different cultures, languages, races and peoples, so that we may discover the beauty of the global community for which Christ stretched forth his arms of love; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Bread of life and cup of our eternal joy, fill us with these riches of your grace, that we may know your constant presence with those who dwell on earth, and with those whose dwelling place is no paradise; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In companionship with all the baptized, let us continue our prayers. You may add your intentions silently or aloud, (silence) let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

**Priest:** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**Anthem** Ah, Jesus Lord, thy Tender Care

Text Paulus Gerhardt, 1607-1676, tr. John Wesley

*Slumber:* Southern Folktune  
sung and played by David Gates

Ah, Jesus Lord, thy love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O bind my thankful heart to thee, And reign without a rival there.  
Thine wholly, thine along, I'd live, Myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothin in my soul May dwell, but they put love along;  
Ah, may thy Loe possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown.  
All clones from my heart remove: May ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.

O Lord, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away, Where'er thy healing hands arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, And nothing seek, desire, but thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:** from Music that Makes Community, led by Martha Burford

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

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.*

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

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**

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

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Though we cannot share in the Bread and Wine we believe that Christ is ever present with us through the indwelling Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism. We who are many are One Body because we share in the One Spirit. Together then let us join in thanking God for the grace of our unending communion.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
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.*

## Hymn 192 This Joyful Eastertide

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in  
vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

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### Blessing & Dismissal

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