Holy Eucharist The Second Sunday after Easter

April 24, 2022

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Prelude

Opening hymn

We walk by faith and not by sight

Hymnal 209



Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen

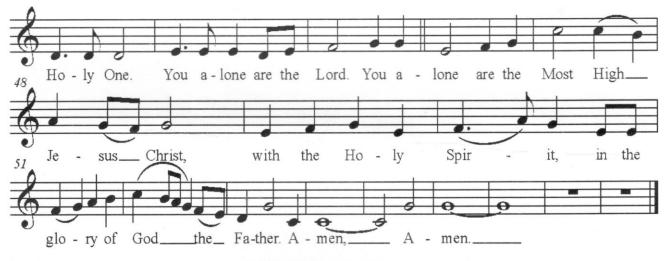
People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Presider begins

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.





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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 people are seated.

First Reading Acts 5:27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁷When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous: 16"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely, * but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them: I will offer thanks to the LORD. ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; * those who are righteous may enter." ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation. ²²The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eves. ²⁴On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success. ²⁶Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD; * we bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷God is the LORD; God has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. 28"You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you." ²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

⁴John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

God's mercy endures for ever.

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, 5 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

7Look! 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.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

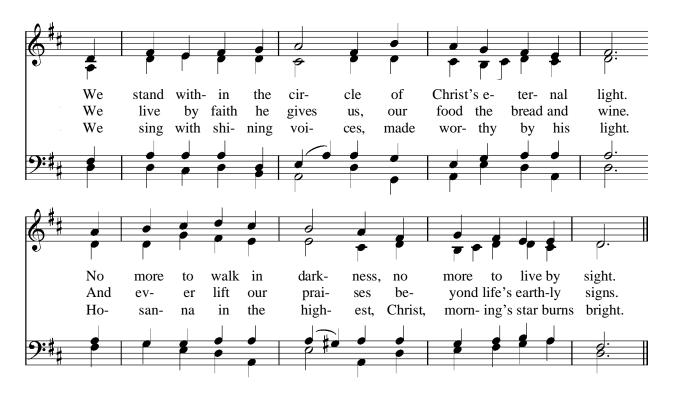
Tune: Hymnal 295

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

We stand within the circle



Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you

retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

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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],

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, "You are our God; and we thank you."

Intercessor Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry 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. Bless our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield, St Michael's, La Romana, and St Stephen's, San Pedro, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, and for all the members of Christ's body. You are our God; and we thank you.

Silence is kept.

Ruler of the kings of the earth, Lord Jesus, your word is a word of peace: speak forth salvation in a weary world. Give to the leaders of all nations a sense of the community of all people. Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses in our community, that our neighbors might come to know that you love them and have freed them from the power of sin. You are our God; **and we thank you.**

Silence is kept.

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes: give us a respect for all you have made. You have given us every good and perfect gift. We rejoice today, and praise you for [_____and] every blessing.

O Lord, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song	g of
those who mourn. Give wisdom, compassion, and skill to those who care for the sick,	the
friendless, and the needy. We ask that you would hear our prayers for these, whom	we
remember before you:	

Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, you do not hand your beloved ones over to death, but promise life eternal to all those baptized into your Son: we pray for [_____ and] those who have died. To you be glory and dominion forever. You are our God; **and we thank you.**Silence is kept.

Presider O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

The People then are seated.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Holy One.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise,

Lord God of heaven and earth,

because you are continually renewing your work of creation and transforming it to show your glory through resurrection.

With your touch, you formed us from the dust of the earth.

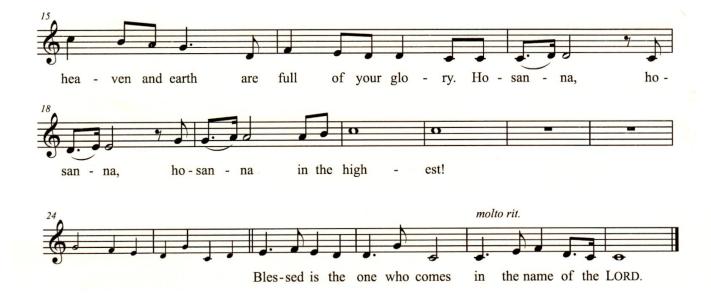
You raised your people from slavery in Egypt;

you bound them to you through your covenant on Sinai; and you made yourself known to them in exile and the Promised Land.

In the cross of Jesus, you take to yourself the scars of our sin, and in his resurrected body, you invite us to touch the wounds of your love. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy





The Presider continues

Forgiving God, your Son's disciples cowered behind locked doors; and yet, in him you visited them on the evening of resurrection and breathed on them the Spirit of peace.

Breathe that + Holy Spirit upon us now,

that your church may know the power of your forgiveness; and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Lord and God, intimate savior of our lives and cosmic ruler of the universe, in Jesus, you are the substance of things hoped for, and the knowledge of things unseen.

Visit any who struggle under the shadow of doubt;

minister among all who suffer beneath the claims of oppressive rule; resurrect your children, your church, and your earth.

Bless those who have not seen and yet believe,

and shape your wounded body, the church, to let the world see you through its scars.

Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory,

until the day when all stand before your throne, in eternal communion with one another and with you, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**.

The Presider then continues

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! We break this bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

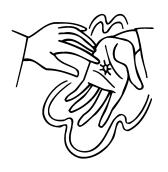
to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

We are here for many different reasons.

Whether we are brimming with faith,
comfortably resting in a moderate pool of faith,
clinging to that tiny speck of faith,
or living with no sense of faith at all...

We are here.



But it doesn't matter why we're here... It doesn't matter how we're here... It only matters that we're here.

Because here is a place where we are all welcome.

Here is a place where there are no walls dividing us.

Here is a place where Christ says to each of us,

Take...Eat...Drink...and Remember...all of you!

So let us gather here at this table, whoever we are, and however we are. Christ welcomes all of us, because we are all guests, and because we all need this food.

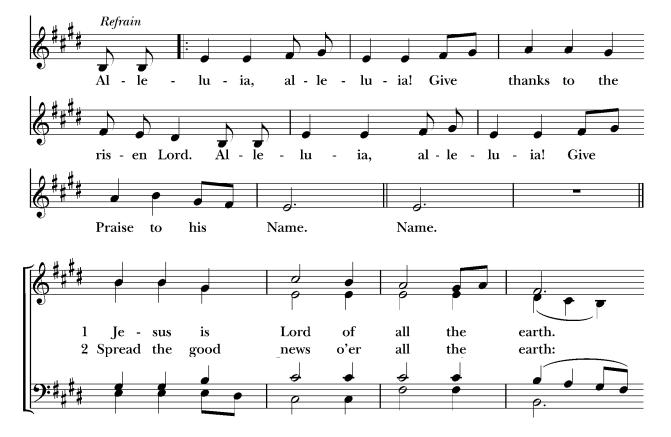
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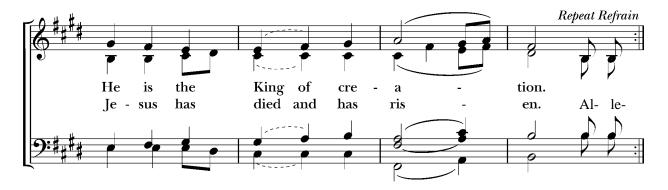
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Communion Hymn

Hymnal 178

Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord





After the hymn, the Presider says

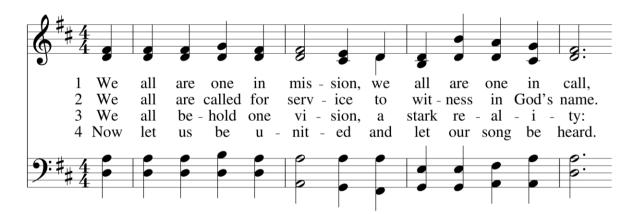
Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Concluding Hymn

We all are one in mission



Tune: Aurelia



Dismissal and Blessing

A Priest says

We are not sent forth into a world where Christ is absent. It is God's world, and in it Christ awaits us. We go forth to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. We go to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being. **Amen.**

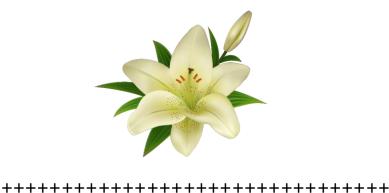
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his goodness. **Amen.**

My brothers and my sisters, go now in peace, in the name of + the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the ongoing war. Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. *Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief & Development in this response.* Visit episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis for more information.

Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, to the church, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is **TODAY**, **April 24**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is available in the church hall. Please sign up to bring *simple* food and/or to clean up after. If you have questions, please contact Kitty.

The **Winter Book Discussion** group had its most recent meeting on April 21, via Zoom. The sessions begin at **6:30**. The next session will be on May 5. All are welcome to participate. For more info, contact <u>Kathy O</u>.

Confirmation to be held on May 14

Please plan to attend the Diocesan Confirmation service on Saturday, May 14 at 4:00 pm. The service will be held at St Paul's, Jackson. We will be celebrating the confirmation of Scott August Moffett!

Car-pool with St Barnabas friends and come support our confirmand!

Upcoming Commemorations

April 24 Genocide Remembrance

- 25 Mark the Evangelist
- 26 Robert Hunt: Priest and First Chaplain at Jamestown, 1607
- 27 Christina Rossetti: Poet, 1894
- 29 Catherine of Siena, Mystic, 1380
- 30 Sarah Josepha Buell Hale: Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879



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Acts 5:27-32

This snippet of the Acts of the Apostles comes in the middle of an exciting story. Peter and the apostles have been preaching in Jerusalem, and they have been imprisoned. An angel orchestrates a jailbreak for them. Instead of fleeing, they return to the temple to continue preaching on orders from their heavenly rescuers. Arrested again, this is Peter's testimony to the

religious authorities.

In today's American culture, it is both profoundly mainstream *and* countercultural to be Christian. This seeming contradiction is in the preponderance of Christmas sales, but also in the reluctance of many Christians to "mix religion and politics" or guide their behaviors by Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. While we may not be under the same threat as the apostles, the danger of losing face or seeming "too religious" feels real.

- Where do I feel called to fully live into Jesus' teachings? What is the cost?
- What prayers do I need to live more fully into Christ's callings for me?

Psalm 150

We are reminded daily of the loss from COVID, even as transmission rates drop. We totter on the edge of war. And yet, here we are in the Easter season, singing songs of praise. Does it feel out of place? How do we live into the promise of the Resurrection when it feels that outside of church, death and suffering have the last word? And yet, our psalm today urges us to praise God despite it all.

Perhaps this psalm may feel out of sync with how we are feeling. Despite the liturgical calendar, the constant barrage of death we see on the news may not leave us fully convinced in resurrection.

However, poet Rainer Maria Rilke wrote that we should "walk [our] walk of lament on a path of praise." The psalmist here shows us how: we are reminded to dance, to exult, to come to the temple. Our laments, our sadness, like the cornerstone that has been rejected, are what God uses to rebuild and resurrect that which was lost.

• What in your life needs resurrection? What do you need to lament so you can praise God today?

Revelation 1:4-8

This passage is a powerful reminder that as Christians who have entered into life with the resurrected Christ, we are time travelers!

This seemingly mundane salutation opens the Book of Revelation. Revelation is an apocalyptic text. While pop culture has used these kinds of texts in horror and zombie movies, they are actually

revelations. They reveal something to us about the true nature of things as God has created them, beyond what we can see in our everyday, linear existence.

The address of this letter to seven churches in Asia is a reminder that this piece of Scripture was written in a specific time and place for a particular audience. But its message is universal: Christ is the beginning and the end. When we participate in the heavenly banquet of the Eucharist, we stand with all who throughout time have worshiped God in glory and peace. In this uncertain moment of linear time, this passage is a profound reminder that God's love and promises transcend a temporary moment. We are freed from sin by Jesus' death and resurrection.

It doesn't make our time any easier, but this passage reminds us that we face the challenges of the world with Jesus at our side.

• What has been revealed to you in the last two years? How can we read apocalyptic texts, such as Revelation, with hope rather than fear?

John 20:19-31

This piece of scripture offers a tantalizing one-liner at the end: "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..."

The last few years have left many of us shaken: war threatens again in Europe, COVID rates rise and fall, economic uncertainties continue to nip at our heels. We want reassurance: we want to touch the promised miracle, like Thomas was able to touch the resurrected body of Christ. We believe, but we struggle to find that peace that Jesus promised his followers when he appeared to him after the resurrection.

However, this passage shows us that our bodies matter: Jesus appeared to his friends enfleshed. Perhaps his body was not the same after his crucifixion and resurrection, but the fact he came embodied is not just coincidence: it's a mark of our Incarnational theology. With his body, Jesus breathes on his disciples and touches them. He brings with his body his peace. As his modern disciples, it is our job to embody Christ's peace and bring it to the world.

• Where do you find the embodiment of Christ's peace in your life? Where do you embody it for others? Where can you seek it out in places you haven't before?

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Invitation to the Table by Scott Cervas

https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/03/27/invitation-to-the-table-for-many-different-reasons/ Accessed 8 April 2019 **Closing Hymn** text from *Wonder, Love and Praise,* #778; tune *Aurelia,* found at *Hymnal* #525.

Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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