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The Second Sunday of Easter

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

- ♪ Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
~Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- ♪ Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. ~Jesus is...
- ♪ Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. ~Jesus is...
- ♪ Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. ~Jesus is...
- ♪ City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and arch-angels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! ~Jesus is....

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

*Romans 6:9*

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!** *John 20:29b*

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

**On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.**

*Psalms 145:1, 5, 6b*

## Confession and Absolution

Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.

**With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?**

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”**

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6:6–8*

**Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. By our very nature we are sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live out our lives on earth faithfully until that time when we, by His grace, join the company of heaven forever.**

*A Time of Silence*

God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and at His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our gracious God, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him eternally in His glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Banners** *Please Be Seated*

## **Hymn of Praise**

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”

- ♪ Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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## First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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## Gradual Hymn

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” (*vv. 1–3*)

- ♪ O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.****Apostles’ Creed****Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated***The Hymn**

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” (vv. 4–9)

- ♪ That night th’ apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear  
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ “My pierced side, O Thomas see, And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- ♪ On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Proclamation of the Word

“After All NO ONE EVER Walks Away from Crucifixion!”

John 20:19–31

## Offering and Musical Offering

**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

In peace let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, grant our petition.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

♪ “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!” Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.

♪ Love’s redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.

♪ Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

♪ Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now Thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

♪ Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

♪ Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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## Postlude