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The Second Sunday of Easter

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“This Joyful Eastertide”

♪ This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sor---row!

My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this mor---row;

~Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain:

But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ aris--en!

♪ Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the ri---ver;

Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliv---er: ~Had Christ,...

♪ My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slum---ber

Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num---ber: ~Had Christ,....

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

**He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

*Psalms 105:4, 8*

Bidden by the Lord and confident of His steadfast love and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Merciful Lord, almighty Father,

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*A Time of Silence*

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



## 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.**

## Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“This Is the Feast”

~This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

♪ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. ~This is the feast...

♪ Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His. ~This is the feast...

♪ Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

~This is the feast...

♪ For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. ~This is the feast....

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## First Reading

Acts 5:12–32

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.



<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” <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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Revelation 1:4–18

<sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.****Nicene 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!

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## Proclamation of the Word

“Behind Locked Doors?”

John 20:19–31

## Offering and Musical Offering

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

Christ is risen,

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## 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*

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

♪ Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

~Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living! Alleluia!

♪ For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo; and in its conquest His might did show. ~Let us...

♪ The angel said to them, “Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there!” ~Let us...

♪ “Go, spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save.

Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won.” ~Let us...

♪ Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing. He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. ~Let us....

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## Postlude