

Second Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

Thine is the Glory

G. Handel

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People's responses are printed in bold type.

OPENING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

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1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the





Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

FIRST LESSON:

Lector: A reading from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

¹Oh, how good and pleasant it is, ***when brethren live together in unity!**

²It is like fine oil upon the head ***that runs down upon the beard,**

³Upon the beard of Aaron, ***and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

⁴It is like the dew of Hermon ***that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

⁵For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: ***life for evermore.**

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24]

SECOND LESSON:

Lector: A reading from First 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—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned,

[1 John 1:1—2:2]

Lector:
Carol Wagers

[John 20:19-31]

we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL:

Deacon: The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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 Judeans, 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.

Deacon: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Rev. Brian Gross

Lector:
Julie Gross

We believe...

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED:

Lector: Let us confess our faith with 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: In his victory over death, Christ Jesus gives us the blessing of new life. Let us offer our prayers for new life for all the world.

Gracious God: Guide our hearts, that our witness to your abundant love will bring reconciliation to the Church. Guide our feet to those places where the awareness of your loving presence is needed. Guide our hands to those who need your loving touch. Guide and sustain all the clergy and lay leaders of this parish. Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of justice: Guide this nation toward a path of justice for all peoples and grant all those in authority the desire to seek the common good so that the barriers which divide us may disappear. Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy: open our eyes to the poor, the destitute and the homeless and to victims of racism, exploitation, or violence in any form. Sustain us in our efforts to combat fear, prejudice, and ignorance in ourselves and in others. Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God: Open our eyes to the renewing work of your Spirit that we may see in the beauty of spring flowers your promise of new life. Fill us with such a reverence and awe for the mysteries of our world that we will strive to be faithful stewards of our natural resources. Savior,

in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God: open our hearts to your love each day as we live together in community that we may see your face in our neighbors. Deliver us from pride, pretense, or self-occupation so that our time and energy may be spent seeking your wisdom in the service of others. We pray for our Vestry retreat next week. Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of healing: Guide us to those who suffer and send your healing touch on those who are broken in body or spirit. Today we pray especially for Joe, Roland, Sandy, Lynne, Charlene, Karlev, Valerie, Lucas, Darrell, Doug, Kris, Susie, Marissa, Renee, Sue, Carolyn, Carol, Tobin-Grace, Adley Jo, and Mark. Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of light and life: Receive all those who have died that they may live eternally with you in your Light. Today we pray especially for..... Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of Glory: Accept our heartfelt thanksgiving for the many blessings you have bestowed on us by your grace. We give thanks for our time together in this place as we prepare to be faithful servants of your Word. We give thanks for the joy of spring. Savior, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**



We celebrate those in our congregation with birthdays this week: Corey, Tim, Tony, Mike, Katie, Jim, Kari, Cindy, Dianne, Marcus, and Elliot. We also celebrate those with anniversaries: Craig & Judie.

We pray for the people, the missions, and the ministries of our companion Dioceses of Swaziland in Eswatini, Brechin in Scotland, and of Nzara in South Sudan.

Let us pray for our own needs or the needs of others either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: Guide us and sustain us, Almighty God, and grant us knowledge of the power of your love that has turned death into life, so that we may die daily to ourselves and live eternally in your Light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

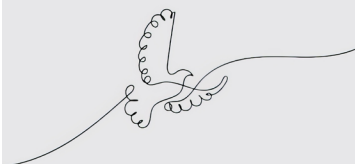
OFFERTORY:

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
 2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
 3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.



The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a brief word of "peace" as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.

Online giving:





*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord;
 People: **And of your own have we given you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and every where 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



Holy Communion is God's feast for all of God's people. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

Holy, holy, holy...



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may kneel or stand.

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:

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.**

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

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

INVITATION

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.

**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.**

Our Father...

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, our Creator, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's

Chalice Bearers:

Kay Jahnel

Judy Frantz

Daniel Lieurance

During the distribution of Communion, anyone may go to the side chapel near the columbarium to receive a prayer for healing and anointing with oil.



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Christ. Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

The Day of Resurrection

B. Fly cannon



Celtic Worship
 SERVICE
 BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.



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