

April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:                   **Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son**

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory over death you won.  
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay.**

**Refrain:**

***Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory over death you won.***

**See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord is living; death has lost its sting!                   *Refrain***

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:  
What is life without you? Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.                   *Refrain***

**Gathering of the Community**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen,  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**May his grace and peace be with you.  
May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### A Reading from the First Letter of 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, 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.

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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. JOHN 20:19-31

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Silence

Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the  
Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Prompt:* O God, we confess,

*Response:* **My Lord and my God**

## Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: **We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
But we believe him near.**

**We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
But in his promise we rejoice  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:**

**That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
In love you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
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 healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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."

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death,  
Proclaiming his resurrection,  
And looking for his coming again in glory,  
We offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
And upon these gifts,  
That all who eat and drink at this table  
May be one body and one holy people,  
A living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory is yours, almighty Father,  
Now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Communion Music

*Glory to God,*

***whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church  
and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.***

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
Alleluia!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
Alleluia!**

**He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell.  
Let songs of praise his triumph tell:  
Alleluia!**

**On the third morn he rose again,  
Glorious in majesty to reign.  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee:  
Alleluia!**