

Second Sunday of Easter



10:00

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*“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving
grace for all.”*

Piano Prelude *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* Wesley, Corbeil
arr. Karen Rezabek

INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ’s presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Jesus you come

defying our locked doors, banishing our fears,

Jesus you come

greeting us with peace, and overwhelming us with awe

Jesus you come

Awakening our love, bringing us grace.

Jesus you come

Enlightening our world with joy until we shout

All: ***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: ***By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.***

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: ***Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.***

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Gathering Song *"Mighty To Save"* Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see ---
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.... Jesus,
Shine your light and let the whole world see ---
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King....

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WORD

Bible Reading

Acts 4:32-35

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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe. ³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Bible Reading

1 John 1:1--2:2

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—²this 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—³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If 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; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

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." 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Message

Leslee Froehlich

"I Lift My Hands"

Louie Giglio, Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin

Be still, there is a Healer
God's love is deeper than the sea;
God's mercy is unfailing,
God's arms a fortress for the weak.
Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Chorus:

I lift my hands to believe again;
You are my refuge, You are my strength.
As I pour out my heart these things I remember:
You are faithful, God forever.

Be still, there is a river that flows from Calvary's tree.
A fountain for the thirsty; Your grace that washes over me.
Let faith arise, let faith arise. *Chorus*

Let faith arise, let faith arise,
Open my eyes, open my eyes.
Let faith arise, let faith arise,
Open my eyes, open my eyes.

I lift my hands to believe again,
You are my refuge, You are my strength.
As I pour out my heart these things I remember:
You are faithful God; You're faithful, God forever.

Let faith arise.....
Let faith arise.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

The Prayers

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.

"In Christ Alone"

Stuart Townsend, Keith Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can every pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand,
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The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Creator, ☩Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song *"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"* Number 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *Repeat, then refrain*
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Repeat, then refrain*

Our thanks to this morning's musicians: Karen Rezabek, Kealey Sitler

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"Mighty To Save"

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"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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"I Lift My Hands"

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"In Christ Alone"

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