

Second Sunday of Easter



10:00 am

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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: ***have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and Eternal God,

C: ***the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

WORD

Bible Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

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

Bible Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being

more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ 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.”²⁶ 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.”²⁷ 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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ 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.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message

Leslee Froehlich

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day “Christ, Be Our Light” v. 1, 2, 5 Number 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

A Time for Peace

**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*

Prayers for a Pandemic

P: Healing God, we lift up the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection. For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support. For those in need of regular therapies and treatments that must now be postponed: God, help them to stay patient and positive. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Protecting God, we pray for our vulnerable populations. Protect and keep them safe. For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: For frontline health care workers and researchers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us. God, keep them safe and healthy. Keep their families safe and healthy. Help them to be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this disease, as well as the changing protocols. God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic and give them compassion for every patient in their care. Provide for their needs mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually as they continuously battle this disease. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of Wisdom, provide for our local, state, and federal governments. Help our elected officials discern the right course through unknown territory. Bring collaboration and unity as they make important decisions and allocate help and resources to combat this pandemic. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Providing God, we lift up the homeless, who are unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured. For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and lead others to help and support them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, we ask for help for parents and caretakers for patience, and creativity. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support. For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, make available to them creative solutions. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of creativity, we pray for students, whose courses of study are changing, whose placement tests are canceled, whose graduation is uncertain. God, provide administrators and teachers everywhere

innovative ways to bring important milestones to the students, help and guide all educators and students in this time of transition. For pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor and lead with inspiration and support. For Christians in every neighborhood, community, and city: May your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to boldly proclaim the gospel. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to trust and follow our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of all the world. Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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.

SENDING

Benediction

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn "*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*" v. 1, 2, 4 Number [619](#)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

Dismissal

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!

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

Postlude/Silent Meditation

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"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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