

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 11:00am

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

We walk by faith and not by sight

Hymnal #209

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 unbelieve; 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.

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Easter Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hymnal #S-280 (Powell)

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 of the Day

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.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴*The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.*

¹⁵*There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:*

¹⁶*“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! **

the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

¹⁷*I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.*

¹⁸*The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.*

¹⁹*Open for me the gates of righteousness; **

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰*“This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter.”*

²¹*I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.*

²²*The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.*

²³*This is the LORD’s doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

²⁴*On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

²⁵*Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.*

²⁶*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; **

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷*God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; **

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸*“You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”*

²⁹*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.*

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John 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, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

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

Alleluia

James Chepponis “Alleluia”

The Gospel – John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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.

Gospel Response/Alleluia

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Presider or deacon

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father saying,

Hear our prayer.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Alleluia, O sons and daughters

Hymnal #206

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, 'My peace be on all here.' Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

'My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be.' Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried. 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, alleluia!

Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

pg. 361 in the Book of Common Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Sanctus ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . .Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal #S-155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Music

O praise ye the Lord (Psalm 118)

Hymnal #432

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along! For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hail thee, festival day (verses 1-3)

Hymnal #175

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever,
day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns: Refrain

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God: Refrain

Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light: Refrain

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Postlude

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