



*“Christ shows himself to Thomas,” Rowan and Irene LeCompte,  
[Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral](#)*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

Prayer Service

**April 19, 2020**

Opening Hymn

The Strife is O'er

H 208, vs 1, 3, 5

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

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## Opening Acclamation

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

Priest 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.**

## The First Lesson Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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— this 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For 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;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your  
presence.'

"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. Since 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Response      Psalm 16**

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**The Epistle      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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so 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. 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, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
People      ***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Song      Amazing Grace**

**The Gospel                      John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

***Glory to you, Lord 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Reflection                      The Reverend Jonathan Brice**

**Nicene Creed**

*All together*

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 for April 19**

### **The Second Sunday of Easter**

Let us who have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: Lord, hear us in your mercy.

For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations, that hatred and violence and war may cease, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those imprisoned unjustly by force, that they may be liberated and not be abandoned to the dominion of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all gathered here out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those having died in faith -- especially Sydney Knabel -- and for all the dying, that they may know the love of God who has raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the people of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Church of the Epiphany, Independence

We pray: ***Lord, hear us in your mercy.***

**For Those Serving in the Armed Forces:** Devon Allen;  
Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey  
Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin Karpinski; Patrick  
McAnerney; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Wichaël; Collin Kelly;  
Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar

We pray: ***Lord, hear us in your mercy.***

**For the Homebound:** JoAnn Sherman

We pray: ***Lord, hear us in your mercy.***

**For Health & Strength:** Mililani Hayselden; Courtney  
Canova; Sharon Cinelli; Curtis Smith; Dixie Moss; Jeremy  
Thomas; Sandy Blascyk; James Johann; Russ & Pat Jones and  
family; Maxine Liebst; Elizabeth Appleyard; Frankie Woodman;  
Adam Griest; Susan Watkins; Barby Steelman; Roger Aton;  
Craig Burris; Anthony Straker; Jack Harris; "Spike" Speicher;  
Richard & Cindy Heflin; Jaquish family; the Hoffmann family;  
Margot Matteson; Jeanette Burris; Jim Baker; Florence  
Kirkland; Michael Siragusa

We pray: ***Lord, hear us in your mercy.***

**For Birthdays:** Herman Holtorf; Mikayla Pink; Ellie Holmberg;  
Cheryl Ball; Debra Jones

**For Anniversaries:** Abraham Verghese & Vincy Abraham; Debra  
& Mike Jones; Swede & Ellie Holmberg

We pray: ***Lord, hear us in your mercy.***

**The Collect**

Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day, and to one  
another in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that  
Christ may be present in all we do and say. So may your life be  
praised, today and all days. ***Amen.***

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Priest*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Priest and People*

**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.**

*Priest*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Priest*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*           And also with you.

## **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your children (N.), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Anniversary Prayer**

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully upon this couple who come to you seeking your blessing on this their anniversary, continue assisting them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### **The Lords Prayer**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All together*

**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 Blessing**

May the joy of the resurrection fill your heart and renew your faith.  
May almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

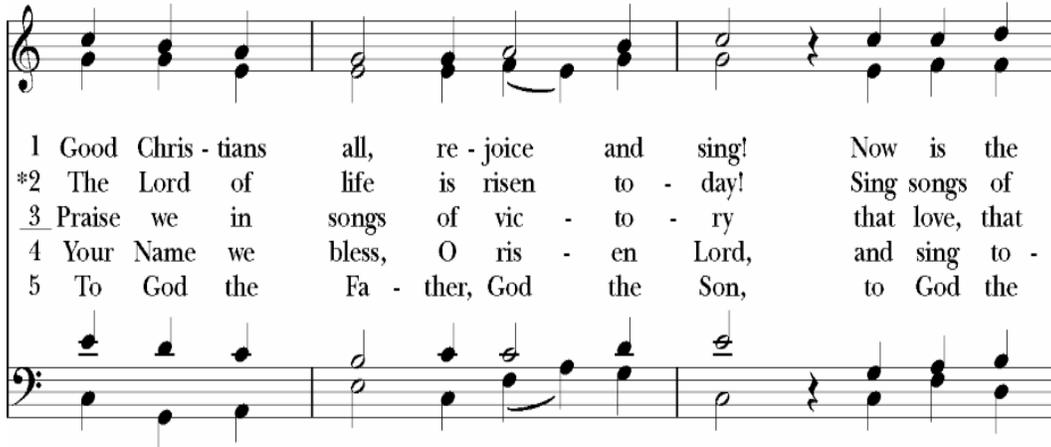
Priest            Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**People            Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# Closing Hymn

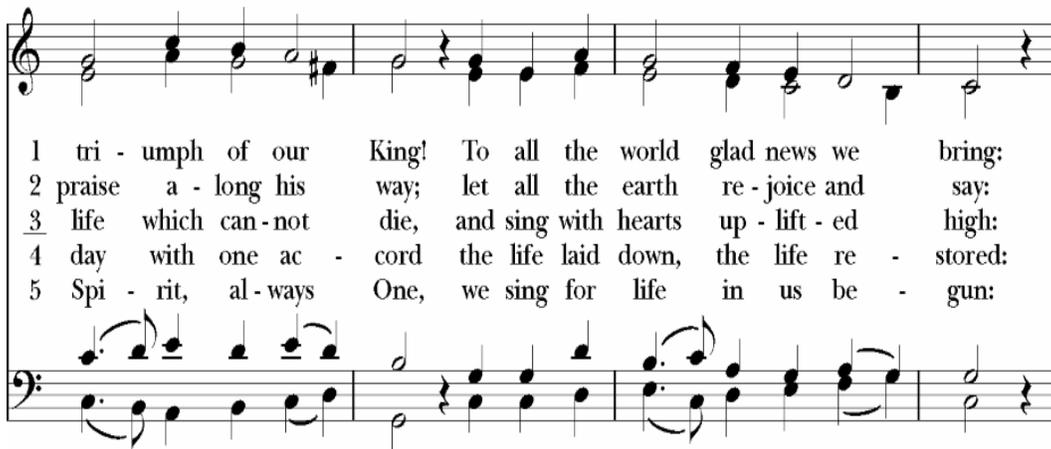
Good Christians All Rejoice

H 205

Vs 1, 3, 5 only



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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