Welcome to St. John's Church



The Second Sunday Of Easter:

April 24, 2022 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

Out of concern for our children, and our immuno-compromised members, we ask that all continue to wear masks while in the church.

Choral Prelude Surgens Jesus Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Translation: The risen Jesus, our Lord, standing in the midst of his disciples, said:

Peace be with you. Alleluia.

The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 205 Good Christians All, Rejoice And Sing!

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!

Sing songs of praise along his way;

let all the earth rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory

that love, that life which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,

and sing today with one accord

the life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 To God the Father, God the Son,

to God the Spirit, always One,

we sing for life in us begun:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people standing, the Officiant may say

Officiant O Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite *Plainsong Tone 2*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, * and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

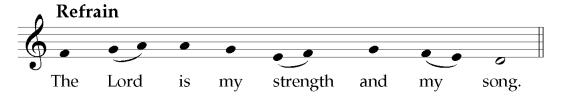
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, * and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 118:14-29

the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain



- 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 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * 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.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our reading from Acts, the apostles are brought before the council of religious authorities in Jerusalem and again commanded to cease teaching in the name of Jesus.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles: (5:27-32)

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "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." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up

Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Canticle Jubilate

Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song

*Know this: The Lord himself is God; **

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age

INTRODUCTION: In the second reading, St. John the Divine addresses the seven churches in Asia Minor with a hymn of praise to Christ, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

A Reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine: (1:4-8)

John 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, and 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! 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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Te Deum Laudamus

- We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
- 2 To thee all Angels cry aloud,

the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

- 3 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
- 4 The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
- 5 The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
- 6 the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
- 7 Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
- 8 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
- 9 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 10 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
- 11 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
- 12 Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

INTRODUCTION: Our third reading is the story of the Doubting Thomas.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John the Evangelist: (6:17-26)

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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Laura Daly, *licensed Preacher*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

Offertory Anthem

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Henry Lebedinsky

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The 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*.

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hymn # 206 O Sons And Daughters, Let Us Sing!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!
 The King of heaven, the glorious King,
 o'er death and hell rose triumphing.
 Alleluia!
- 2 That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!
- 3 When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word.

 Alleluia!
- 4 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
- 5 No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 6 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!

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or out loud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.\

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Then may be said
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 212 Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.

2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,

3 those hands of liberal love indeed

in infinite degree, those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

- 4 His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave, lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.
- 5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

The Officiant may then conclude

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Corinthians 13:14*

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Officiant
Laura Daly, Preacher
Tom Brand, Organist & Choirmaster
John Magee, 8:00 Reader
Justin Ormand, 10:00 Reader
Larry Littlefield, Veejay (VJ)
Sara Coles, MB Witt: Altar Guild

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