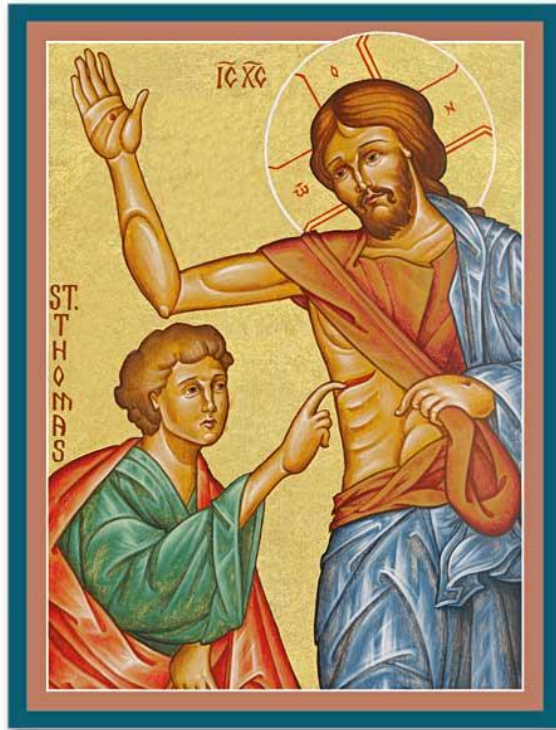


Welcome to St. John's Church



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

Prelude *Quia Vidisti Me* Thoma-Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

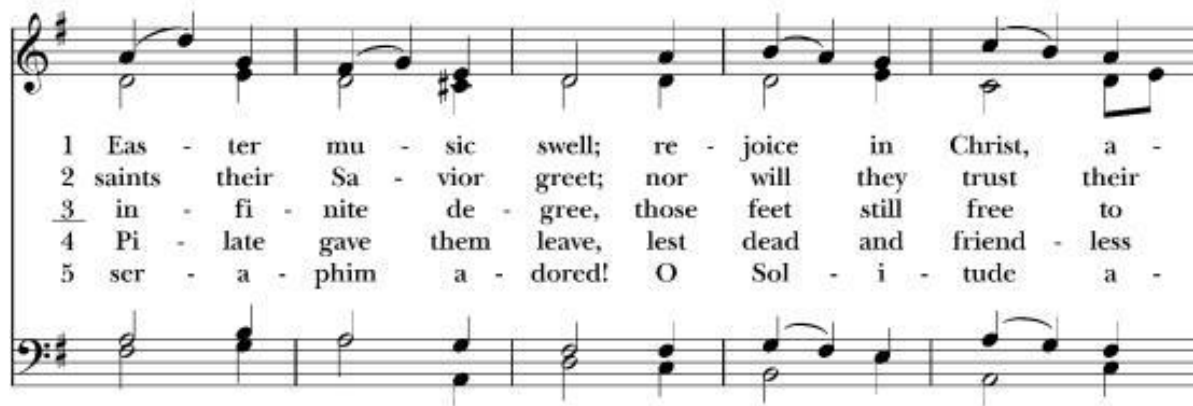
Translation: Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluia.

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 594 *Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice*



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by



1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -



1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.
2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people standing, the Officiant may say

Officiant 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.

Christ Our Passover S#19



Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, **

therefore let us keep the feast,

*Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, **

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **

death hath no more dominion over him.

*For in that he died, he died unto sin once; **

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, **

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ is risen from the dead, **

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

*For since by man came death, **

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

*For as in Adam all die, **

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*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.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm 16 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*

Refrain

The Lord will show me the path of life.

- 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 Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our opening reading, Peter preaches the fundamental message of the resurrection.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles: (30:15-20)

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.”

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle # 261 *A Song To The Lamb*



1. Splen - dor and hon - or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,



2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and

have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have re-deemed for God, 4. From every family,
 language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
 5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
 6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-dor, for ever and for ev - er - more. [Ant.]

INTRODUCTION: This second reading tells of the new birth Christians have received through baptism which brings them a living hope through Jesus' resurrection and an imperishable inheritance.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter: (13:11-14)

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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Jubilate*Jubilate Deo*

William Boyce (1711-1779)

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
 it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
 and into his courts with praise; *
 be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious;
 his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

Hymn # 209 *We Walk By Faith*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



INTRODUCTION: In our Gospel reading, we hear the story of the doubting Thomas.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. 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.” 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

Sara Coles, *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.*

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 you.*
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.*

Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah In Die Resurrectionis

Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806), arr. Tom Brand

Translation: "On the day of my Resurrection, says the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Eight days later, with the doors closed, Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

An offering to God will be collected during the singing of this anthem.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Hymn # 193 *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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:

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Officiant*
 Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Officiant*
 Sara Coles: *Preacher*
 Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*
 Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*
 Ann Hodgman: *10:00 Reader*
 Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*
 Corinne Johnson, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*
 Jon Somes, Richard Snider: *Coffee Hour Hosts*
 Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*