



Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

Promised Resurrection Here & Now

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*You are invited to light a candle
as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*



Gathering Music

Thine is the Glory

- Budry/Handel

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him into resurrection life, here and now.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the wilderness you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way through the wilderness, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life, resurrection life, here and now.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for Baptismal water, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the resurrection life only you can give, here and now. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Red ELW 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I lift to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, 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.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Special Music

I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table"

Psalms 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Message

Guest Preacher: **The Rev. Leslie O'Callaghan**
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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Sung before all prayers

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, +Son and Holy Spirit.
And all God's children said, **Amen.**

Sending Song

I Saw the Light

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord! I saw the light**

Chorus

***I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night;
And now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light***

**Just like a blind man, I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own;
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. *Chorus***

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way;
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. *Chorus*

Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news of the promised resurrection –
here and now. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Guest Preacher: The Rev. Leslie O'Callaghan
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- Readers: Denise & Scott Ikenberry
- Musicians: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues