

Divine Service - Second Sunday of Easter

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

The Opening Hymn: 464 ss1-5

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4. He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

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The Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: AMEN.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

CONG: AND THOU FORGAVEST THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY ON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

The Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: AMEN.

The Introit of the Day

Ps 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: I Peter 2:2-3

PASTOR:

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Gloria Patri

CONG: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

The Kyrie

CONG: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

The Gloria in Excelsis

CONG: GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH; AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.
WE PRAISE THEE, WE BLESS THEE, WE WORSHIP
THEE,
WE GLORIFY THEE, WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE, FOR THY
GREAT GLORY.
O LORD GOD, HEAV'NLY KING, GOD THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY.
O LORD, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON, JESUS CHRIST;
O LORD GOD, LAMB OF GOD, SON OF THE FATHER,
THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD, HAVE MERCY
UPON US.
THOU THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD,

RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

THOU THAT SITTEST AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE
FATHER, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

FOR THOU ONLY ART HOLY; THOU ONLY ART THE LORD.
THOU ONLY, O CHRIST, WITH THE HOLY GHOST, ART
MOST HIGH IN THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER. AMEN.

The Collect

PASTOR: Almighty God, grant that we who have
celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your
grace confess in our life and conversation that
Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus
Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONG: AMEN.

The First Reading: ACTS 5:29-42

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let

them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

The Gradual adapt. from Matt 28:7; Heb 2:7; Ps 8:6

PASTOR: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle: I PETER 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Verse Rom 6:9; John 20:29b

PASTOR: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

CONG: Hallelujah!

PASTOR: **The Holy Gospel:** ST. JOHN 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are

written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Choir: "Awake, My Heart with Gladness"

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

3 This is a sight that gladdens--
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me hath won.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared

Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

The Apostles' Creed (We Confess Together)

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.
AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS 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
INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD. HE ASCENDED
INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY. FROM THENCE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE
DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE
COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION
OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

The Sermon Hymn: 470 ss1-9

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
today the grave has lost its sting.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 That Easter morn at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Master dear
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side.
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sermon: That You May Believe ... John 20:19-31

The Offertory

CONG: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A
RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.
CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM THY PRESENCE; AND TAKE
NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.
RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION; AND
UPHOLD ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT. AMEN.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 468 ss1-4

I am content! My Jesus ever lives,
In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,
God's wrath he has appeased.
Since he in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!

I am content! My Jesus is my head;
His member I shall be.
He bowed his head when on the cross he died
With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection
For me by Jesus' resurrection.
I am content! I am content!

I am content! My Jesus is my light,
My radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!

I am content! At length I shall be free,
Awakened from the dead,
Arising glorious evermore to be
With You, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever;
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content!

The Benediction

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The

Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

CONG:

AMEN.