

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

The Word of God

Prelude

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

Opening Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks.

Hymn #178. Vv 1 & 2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. Spread the good news to all the earth: He is the King of cre - a - - - - tion. Al - le - Je - sus has died and has ris - - - - en. Al - le

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The Opening Acclamation

✠ Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A ✠ appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Gloria

Gloria

John Rutter

13 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ry King, al-

25 might-y God and Fa-ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

40 Lord Jesus Christ, on-ly Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin

56 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer. For

70 you a-lone are the Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

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

1st Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

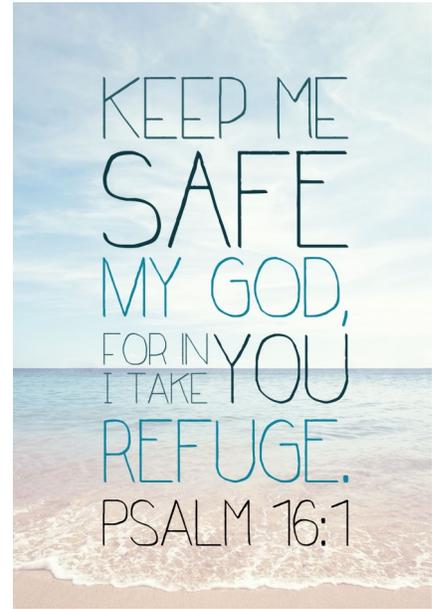
1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

- 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 Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9

2nd Reader A Reading from the first Letter of Peter.

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.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing

The Gospel Procession

Alleluia

Marty Haugen

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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The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

(the People read the responses in bold)

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view, your divine guidance is always available.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. We pray for the welfare of the world. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, and Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). Your mercy endures forever.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.) Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, giver of life and health: comfort, heal and restore all who are suffering from the coronavirus.

Give your healing power to all the doctors and nurses who are ministering to our needs. Bless all who labor in essential work and services so the necessities of life are available. May all of us be strengthened when we feel weak or despondent, anxious or afraid. Help us practice safety for ourselves and others. Inspire us to reach out with the power of healing love. We pray to be faithful and hopeful through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Communion Under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

The Anthem

Lord, I Believe

Rosephanye Powell

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief...

*A father cried to Jesus, Can you heal my only son? Jesus said, If you will just believe, then it shall be done.
The father cried, I do believe! Help my unbelief!*

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief...

All things are possible to the one who believes. All things are possible, Lord, help my unbelief.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

*I will say to the mountains, Be cast into the sea. When I trust, without doubting, then shall I receive.
Jesus hears when I call him, he'll meet my every need.*

Lord, help my unbelief.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together,

All 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.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Strife Is O'er.

VICTORY

*A virtual choir and orchestra of 800 musicians (including our own Clayton and Jeannie Cobb and Susan Tsuji),
put together by the National Episcopal Church.*

Postlude: *O Be Joyful In The Lord*

John Rutter