

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL



We strive to bring all people to a closer relationship with God and each other in Jesus Christ.

Sun., April 11, 2021 – 10:15 a.m. The Second Sunday of Easter

THE WORD OF GOD

Musicians: Donna Hesson & Jason Largent

Prelude Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

arr. Leavitt

Welcome

Opening Hymn Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

M-1

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.

Hymn of Praise The Festal Day is Here

arr. Hopson

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.

The First Reading Please be seated.

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Read in unison.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight

M-2

The Gospel John 20:19-31

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Hagerty

THE RITE-13 LITURGY

Saints:

Claire Birney, Julian Bunnell, JD Corb, Morgan Jenkins, Aidan Kennard, Ben Reilly, Casey Stachera; Mikey Walls, Claire Whipkey, Emma Winters

Sponsors

We present Claire, Julian, JD, Morgan, Aidan, Ben, Casey, Mikey, Claire, and Emma who this day move from childhood towards adulthood.

Celebrant

Dear People of God: the transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today we celebrate the beginning of the journey to adulthood with these young people, Claire, Julian, JD, Morgan, Aidan, Ben, Jack, Casey, Mikey, Claire, and Emma, by the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now, as you set out on this passage to become adults, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and your responsibility to use it wisely?

Saints I am.

Celebrant

Let us join with these young people in reading Psalm 139. The congregation is asked to repeat the antiphon.

PSALM 139

Rite-13 Saints

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

Antiphon: Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Rite-13 Saints

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Antiphon: Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Rite-13 Saints

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there were none of them.

Antiphon: Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Rite-13 Saints

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Antiphon: Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

THE PRAYER FOR THE PARENTS

Celebrant

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, Jaymie, Kerry, David, Rebecca, Jennifer, Patrick, Suzanne, Ross, Blair, Matt, Anne, David, Tammy, Jeffrey, Christie, Chris, Kathy, Richard, Melissa, Michael, and Erika stand watching their sons and daughters grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless these parents of the young people we celebrate today. Rejoice with them and strengthen them that they may support their sons and daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them, although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

THE CHARGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Celebrant

Dear friends of Claire, Julian, JD, Morgan, Aidan, Ben, Jack, Casey, Mikey, Claire, and Emma: As they move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you stand by them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People: We will, with God's help.

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Celebrant As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do

God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God which spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become adults?

People We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you guide, guard and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

Claire, Julian, JD, Morgan, Aidan, Ben, Casey, Claire, Mikey, and Emma, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of adolescence; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

(The parents and Saints remain in their pew, while the Celebrant comes to them. During the blessing, the parents may lay their hands on the Saints' shoulders.)

May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you this day and for evermore.

People Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism

into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to

serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another on our YouTube chat.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Offertory Hymn Come Away to the Skies

M-3

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

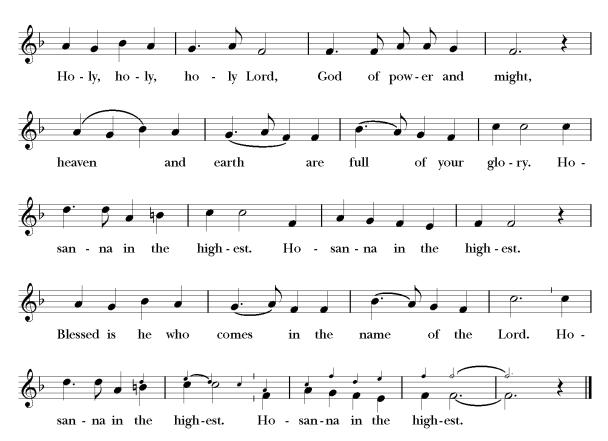
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to

proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy

Proulx



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer Pray in unison.

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant Behold what you are;

People May we become what we receive.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer Pray in unison.

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.

The Post-Communion Prayer Pray together.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn The Day of Resurrection

M-5

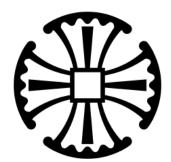
Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds, Yet Rose for our Salvation, Alleluia!

Bach





On this second Sunday of Easter, we are given the powerful example of Jesus reaching out with abundant forgiveness. Before his disciples offer any apology (or excuse!) for their betrayal and abandonment of Him, Jesus stands among them and says, "Peace be with you." For once, the disciples respond appropriately — with great rejoicing! Having granted them unmerited forgiveness through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus commissions them to do the same: "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." As you consider Jesus' actions, you are invited to ponder the following:

- 1. How do you experience the "peace of Christ" and how is this different than the world's peace?
- 2. How have you heard this phrase being misunderstood or misused?
- 3. It is written that "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book." What do you imagine these might have been?

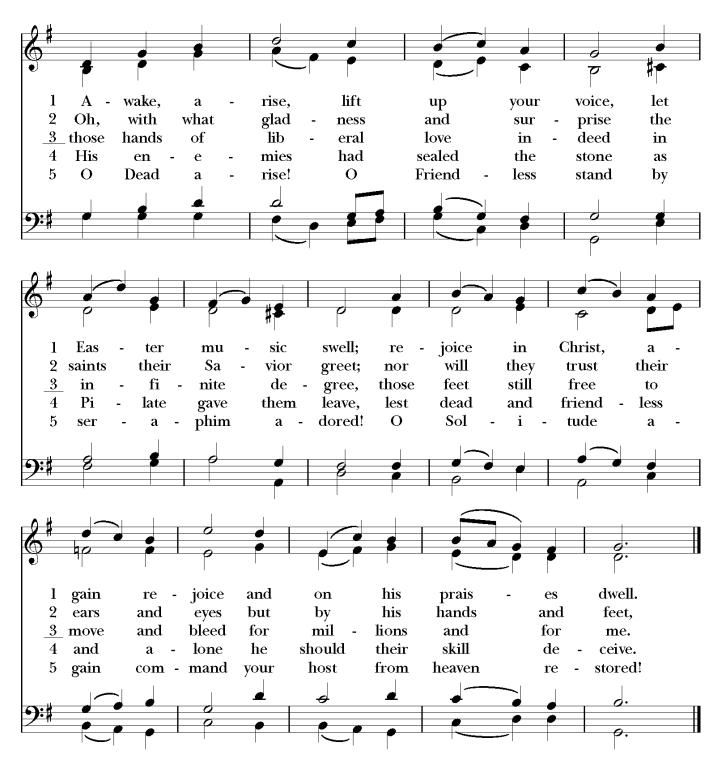
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Keith Scharnhorst, Barry Weimer, Kristina Randazzo, Chris Peterson, Mike Jackson, and Scott Geist.

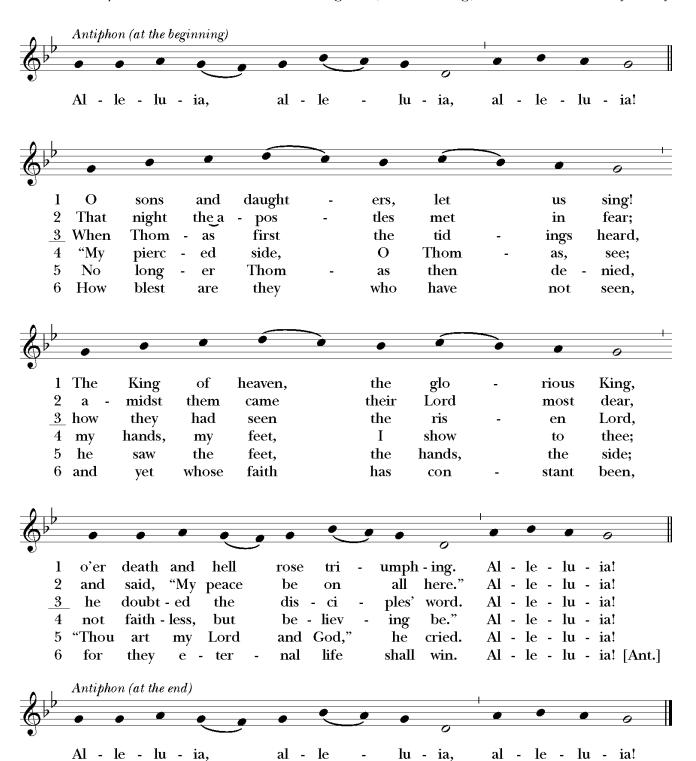
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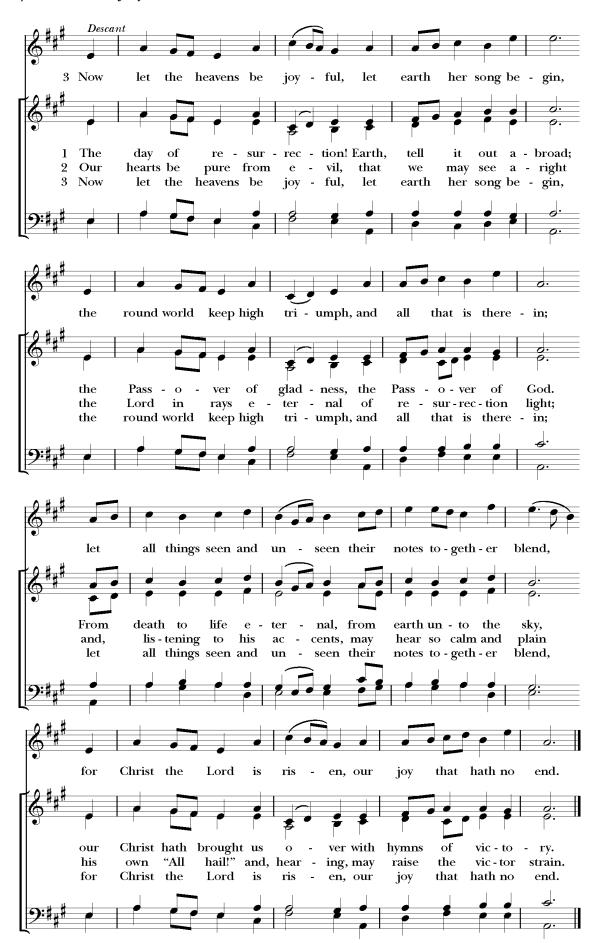


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