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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

### Opening Hymn #204

### *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness.  
'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen.

2. All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.  
Neither could the gates of death  
Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal  
Hold Thee as a mortal.

3. But today amidst Thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That Thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.  
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;

God hath brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness.

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them

His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.  
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.  
C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Introit**

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**C: make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**C: tell of all his wondrous works!**

P: Glory in his holy name;

**C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

**C: seek his presence continually!**

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P: He remembers his covenant forever,

**C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

### **Gloria Patri**

C ♪ **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**

C ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

C ♪ All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

P The Lord be with you

C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson – Acts 5:12–32**

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and

sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” <sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. <sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 148:1-14 [spoken]**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;\*

**praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;\*

**praise him, all his hosts!**

Praise him, sun and moon,\*

**praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens, \*

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD!\*

**For he commanded and they were created.**

And he established them forever and ever;\*

**he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*

**you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

fire and hail, snow and mist,\*

**stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Mountains and all hills,\*

**fruit trees and all cedars!**

Beasts and all livestock,\*

**creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,\*

**princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and maidens together,\*

**old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;\*

**his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,\*

**for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be 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.**

### **The Gradual**

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C: he has put all things under his feet. Hallelujah!**

### **Triple Hallelujah**

## **The Second Lesson – Revelation 1:4–18**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

## **The Gospel – John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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.

## **Confession of Faith** ***Apostle’s Creed***



**C 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #208 (1, 4-9)**  
***Ye Sons and Daughters of the King***

1. Ye sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting:  
Alleluia!

4. That night the Apostles met in fear,  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear  
And said: "Peace be unto you here":  
Alleluia!

5. When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,  
He doubted if it were the Lord:  
Alleluia!

6. "Thomas, behold My side," saith He,  
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;  
"And doubt not, but believe in Me":  
Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;

He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried:  
Alleluia!

8. Blessed are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith hath constant been,  
In life eternal they shall reign:  
Alleluia!

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

### **Sermon Text – John 20:19–31**

#### **Sermon**

***That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name***

#### **Offertory**

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Glorious Lord, You have worked the salvation of the world through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Give strength to our praise, and let our hearts and mouths be filled with the joy of Your wondrous works. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God Almighty, You stoke the fires of Your churches as lights in the darkness of this world. As we gather in the Spirit on

the Lord's day, comfort and embolden Your holy ones to serve in Your presence and to cherish the words You have written to Your churches. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son visited disciples hiding away for fear of the Jews, as well as John when he was exiled by the Romans to Patmos. Sustain all Your disciples in the throes of persecution. Visit them with Your Easter Gospel, and give them their portion in the resurrection unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God of hosts, You have added believers to the Lord Jesus in all times and places, from those receptive and hostile alike. Shepherd the nations, and bring all peoples to embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ. Curb wicked rulers and break their power, that all would be brought to the feet of Jesus in worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Great Physician, even the shadows of Your apostles brought healing to the afflicted people of Jerusalem. As we rest under the shadow of Your wings, heal Your afflicted servants, [*especially* (silent prayer),] that they would rejoice in Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful Lord, Your Son greets His disciples with peace despite their sins against Him. Make us confident in His mercy toward us,

and gladden our hearts as He comes to us to forgive, renew and strengthen us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your gifts to Your Church. Chiefly do we thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ, who alone is our salvation. By His death, You have atoned for our sins; by His resurrection, You have justified us; and by His Word and Holy Spirit, You have brought the Gospel of peace to us.

**C: Not unto us, but unto Your name, O Lord, be glory!**

M: We implore You, O Lord, to sanctify and keep the congregations, schools and organizations together with all our people in the truth. Your Word is truth. Preserve us from false teaching; bring us to repentance for every place where love or zeal has faltered; grant us and our children bold and steadfast hearts to remain faithful to this confession and church, suffering all rather than to fall away from it; and unite us with all Christians in a true confession of Jesus Christ, in whom the world has redemption: the forgiveness of sins.

**C: To You alone be all glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Sermon Hymn #210**

#### ***The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done***

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

2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

3. On the third morn He rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
Oh, let us swell the joyful strain!  
Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell.  
Let songs 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!

## **Prayer & The Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn #201 (1-2)** ***Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won***

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won!  
Death no longer can appal me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High o'er heaven and earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

### **Silent Prayer**

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