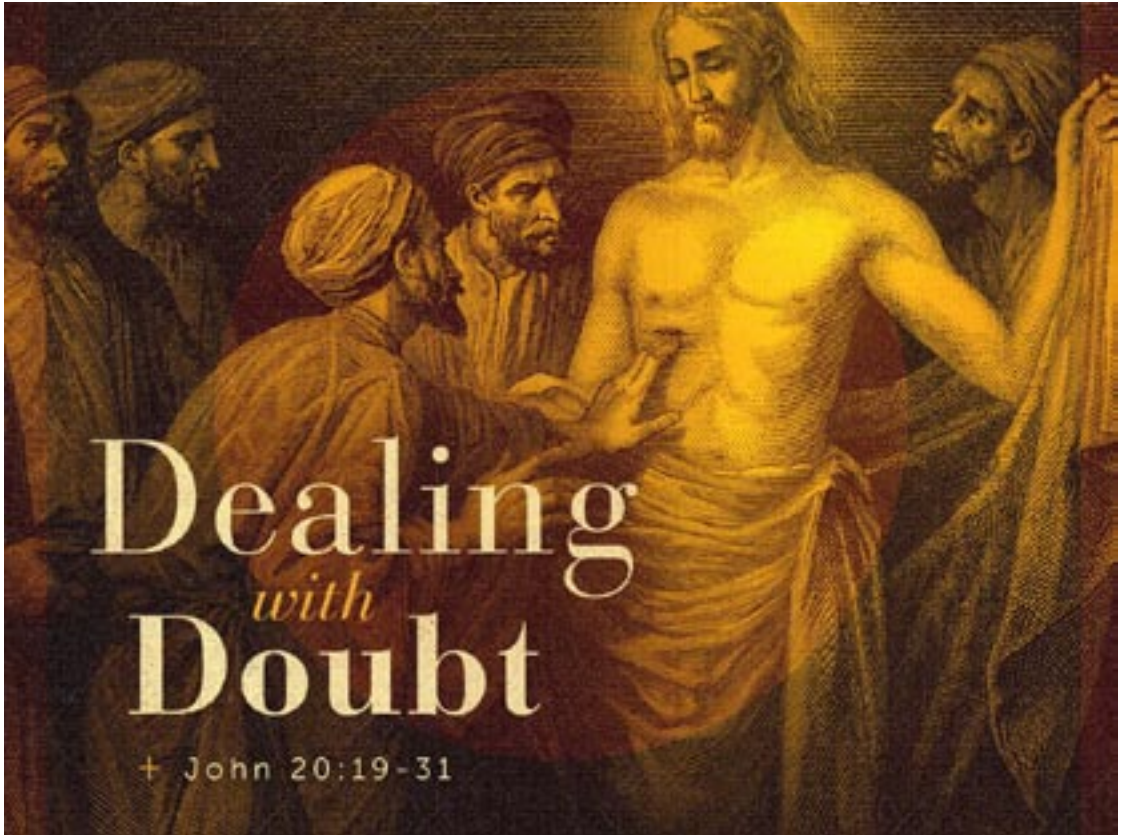


SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Morning Prayer, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Worthy is Christ

Hymn 417



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in 2 eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand, as able.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

3 For as in Adam all die, *

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The people are seated.

Psalm 16



The Lord will show me the path of life.

○ Lord, you are my portion and my /cup;*—
it is you who /uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a /pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a good/ly heritage. [ANTIPHON]

I will bless the Lord who gives me /counsel;*
my heart teaches me, /night after night.

I have set the Lord always be/fore me;*
because he is at my right hand /I shall not fall. [ANTIPHON]

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re/joices;*
my body also / shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the /grave,*—
nor let your holy /one see the Pit. [ANTIPHON]

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.
[ANTIPHON]



Tone II. 1

Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

Acts 2:14a,22-32

The people remain seated.

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.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

1 Peter 1:3-9

The people are seated.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
7 **by day or night they will never be shut.**
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

**Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

John 20:19-31

The people are seated.

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of John 20:19-31

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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The people are seated.

Sermon Meditation Questions: 2nd Sunday of Easter

1. How am I retaining and releasing sins?
2. What sins should I release and am not?
3. What sins am I releasing and I should not quite yet?
4. What wisdom and compassion have I learned from releasing and retaining sins?

Hymn 178

Alleluia No. 1

REFRAIN

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give_ thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al - le -

Fine VERSES

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his_ name. 1. Je - sus is Lord of
 2. Spread the good news o'er
 3. We have been cru - ci -
 4. Come let us praise the

to Refrain

1. all the_ earth, He is the king of cre - a - tion.
 2. all the_ earth, Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 3. fied with_ Christ. Now we shall live_ for ev - er.
 4. liv - ing God. Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Apostles' Creed

All stand, as able.

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

Prayers

All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

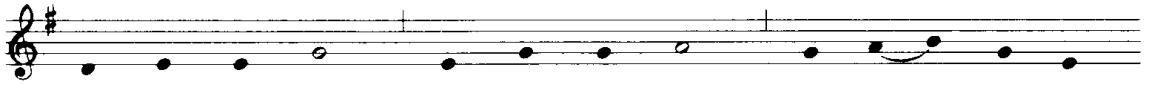
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

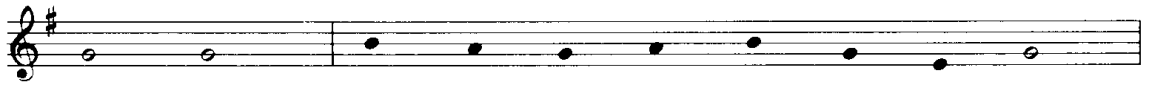
Officiant and People:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in



hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who



sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom the pow - er,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Officiant and People say responsively:

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collects

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn 296

We Know that Christ is Raised



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing
 3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with
 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
 death. Re - born, we share with him an
 life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the
 grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to
 East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our
 Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the
 flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
 whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayers of the People

Reader: On this day we praise our God for the dying which destroyed our death, and we pray for our world in need of life.

Reader: From our self-absorbed ways and overly inward eyes,

People: Free us, O God of Life.

Reader: From our oblivion to the effects of our actions on others,

People: Free us, O God of Love.

Reader: From our blindness to the sins of our society,

People: Free us, O God of Community.

Reader: From our inaction in the face of needless suffering,

People: Free us, O God of Justice.

Reader: To those who lead, here and afar,

People: Give the wisdom of your Life, O God.

Reader: To those who suffer needlessly,

People: Give the comfort of your Love, O God.

Reader: To those who now see You face to face,

People: Give them their share in your divine Community, O God.

Reader: To those who strive for your kingdom,

People: Give them the vision of your justice, O God.

Reader: To life that is greater than mere living,

People: Lead us, O God of Life.

Reader: To others who need us across the distances,

People: Lead us, O God of Love.

Reader: To growth in directions we did not foresee,

People: Lead us, O God of Community.

Reader: To living witness to your resurrected life,

People: Lead us, O God of Justice.

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant: To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end, we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus, **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Source of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

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Where are we on the Liturgical Calendar? – The Great Fifty Days of Easter

For the secular world, Easter is a one day celebration of spring, for finding brightly colored eggs and sporting new spring finery. For the Church, Easter is the center of our faith and of our year, a great festival of fifty glorious days stretching from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost, a celebration of the resurrection of Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This spacious fifty-day feast affords us the time we need to rejoice in the Mystery of the Resurrection, to enter anew into the promise of Risen Life with the Risen Christ, and to explore Easter's implications for how we are to live in the world in these fifty days, and beyond – to be Alleluia from head to toe!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Your **Vestry** members request your prayers for this congregation and their leadership. They want to be in conversation with you. Speak with them so they know the needs of the congregation:

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St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Penny Worrell at penny.worrell@gmail.com.

Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference.

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