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## The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Robert J. Powell

### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

**Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

Hymnal p. 487

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!**

**God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.  
Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain Jsus' resurrection!**

**For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.**

**Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!**

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## CONGREGATION GREETINGS

### CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, You have brought us together into Your presence to set forth Your praise, to hear Your Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You and receive Your gifts by giving us the spirit of repentance. Help us to approach the mercy seat of Christ, and

sincerely confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by Your infinite goodness and mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 155

### **This Is the Feast**

*Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all Creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and  
the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

**Alleluia. *Refrain***

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, grant that we who celebrate the triumph of our risen Savior may join with all other witnesses of the resurrection in boldly sharing with the world that Jesus is Lord and God; through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)

L: The first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is from chapter five of Acts.

*The apostles testify publicly as witnesses of Jesus' resurrection.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

### PSALM 148

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is  
exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise Him in the heights!  
praise Him, all His angels;  
praise Him, all His hosts!

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is  
exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

L: Praise Him, sun and moon,  
praise Him all you shining stars!  
Praise Him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is  
exalted;**

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

L: 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.

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is  
exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**A: 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.**

**SECOND READING**

Revelation 1:4–18

L: The second reading is from chapter one of Revelation.

*Jesus is alive forevermore.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please rise and sing)*

Hymnal p. 157

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19–31

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. John, chapter twenty.

**C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Thomas sees, touches, believes, and confesses the risen Jesus.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>

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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

Hymnal p. 470

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

That night th'apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

"My pierc`ed side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

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

## **SERMON<sup>3</sup>**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **VOLUNTARY**

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Wilbur Held

OFFERING SONG(*please rise and sing*)

Hymnal p.192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**



## **BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: 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 His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!**

Hymnal p. 549

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;**

**Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,**

**The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all,**

**The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can n'er forget the wormwood and the gall,**

**Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown him Lord of all.**

**Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,**

**To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at His feet may fall!**

**We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.**

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**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved

grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

## POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "VRUECHTEN"

Brenda Portman

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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