



St. John's Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II APRIL 11, 2021 10:00 AM

Voluntary

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary

Wilbur Held

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn 193, vv. 1-2

That Easter day with joy was bright

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

The Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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 Acts 4:32-35 (Seated)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 209, vv.1-2

We walk by faith, and not by sight

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31 *(Standing)*

Priest: 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Homily

The Sermon *(Seated)*

The Reverend C. Wallace Marsh

The Prayers of the People *(Standing)*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Lila Poston, the Wilkerson family, the Straughter family, Betzi Welch, Linda Hill Jordan, Ann Heaton, Julian Mathis, the Valimont family, Pervis Kirkland, LiAnne Douglas, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering Tom Fergus, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Priest concludes with a Collect.

The Peace *(Standing)*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. During the exchange of the Peace, we ask that people show signs of peace that do not involve physical contact.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Alleluia round

William Boyce

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The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A *(Standing)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 S 125

Holy, holy, holy

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Said by 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion: *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Communion Hymn 178 *(Sung by the choir)*

Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by all)*

Priest: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 205, vv. 1-2

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

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Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Voluntary

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Healey Willan

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Flower Dedication

In honor of the birthday of Martha A. Fields, by her family

In celebration of Helen Haines on her birthday, by Mary Bruce Edmonds