

***Second Sunday of Easter***

**19<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

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**M** On the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among them,  
Alleluia.

**All** The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Alleluia! (*John 20:19,20  
NRSV*)

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Song of Praise – Holy God,**

**we praise your name** *TIS 127*

- 1. Holy God, we praise thy name,  
Lord of all, we bow before you;  
all on earth thy scepter claim,  
all in heaven above adore thee;  
infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.**
- 2. Hark the glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord;  
'Holy, holy, holy, Lord!'**
- 3. Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join thy sacred name to hallow  
Prophets swell the glad refrain  
And the white robed martyrs follow  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.**
- 4. Thou are King of glory, Christ,  
Son of God yet born of Mary,  
for us sinners sacrificed,**

**As to death a tributary  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.**

- 5. Holy Father, holy Son,  
holy Spirit, three we name thee,  
though in essence only one,  
undivided God we claim thee,  
and adoring bend the knee,  
while we own the mystery.**

*L:* Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

*C:* **We confess to you, almighty God,  
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own fault.  
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to eternal life.  
Amen.**

*M:* As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*C:* **Amen.**

*L:* Lord Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son,  
hear our prayer and save us;

*C:* **Lord have mercy.**

*L:* Lord Jesus Christ, God's chosen one,  
hear our prayer and help us;

*C:* **Christ have mercy.**

*L:* Lord Jesus Christ, God's anointed one,  
hear our prayer and give us peace;

**C:** Lord have mercy.

*M:* The Lord be with you,

**C:** And also with you.

*M:* Let us pray for faith in our risen Lord:  
Merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ  
is the resurrection and the life, who gives hope and joy to those who  
doubt. Give to us who do not see you faith and life and blessing,  
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 2:14a, 22-32

#### *Peter gives witness that God raised Jesus*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,  
<sup>22</sup>“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—<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> But God  
raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for  
him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> 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;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh  
will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your  
Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of  
life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the  
resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor  
did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that  
all of us are witnesses.

*R:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9**

***New birth through the resurrection of Christ***

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> 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 honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**L:** Alleluia, alleluia.

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;

**All:** death no longer has any power over him. Alleluia.

**L:** Have you believed because you have seen me?

**All:** Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31**

***(Spoken)*** Glory to you, O Lord, Light of the world.

***Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes***

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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." <sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <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 come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.

*L:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All: (Spoken)* Praise to you, O Christ, raised to live forever.  
Lord Jesus, thank you for letting Thomas doubt,  
and for showing yourself after your resurrection.  
Strengthen our faith in you as the living Son of God.  
Amen.

Hymn – All glory, laud and honour

*LHS 86*

All glory, laud, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the king of Israel,  
And David's royal Son,

**Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our king and blessed one.**

**All glory, laud, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring  
The company of angels  
Is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation  
In Chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring  
The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring  
To Thee before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you now high exalted  
Our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring  
As you received their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O source of every blessing,  
Our good and gracious king.**

**All glory, laud, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring**

*Music: M. Teschner 1584-1635 (1615);  
Words: Gloria, laus et honour Theodulph of Orleans (?-c. 821)  
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## **Sermon**

**All: 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, dead, and 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.**

**Offering Hymn – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – LHS 161**

**(Vrs 1-4, 6,7.)**

- 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.**
  
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.**
  
- 3. Dear name, the rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding-place;  
My never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace.**
  
- 4. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My prophet, priest, and king,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.**
  
  
- 6. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.**
  
  
- 7. Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.**

*Music: A.R. Reinagle 1799-1877 (1830);  
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*L:* Living God, let the resurrection of your Son transform our lives.  
Make us bold in serving you and bringing your good news to  
other people.

**All: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the church**

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*M:* May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
provide you with every good thing you need  
in order to do his will

Go in peace. The Lord is risen indeed.

**All: Amen.**

*M:* 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 favour,  
† and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – Jesus Christ is risen today**  
***LHS 88***

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**  
**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**  
**Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!**  
**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!**  
**Unto Christ, our heavenly king Alleluia!**  
**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**  
**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
  
- 3 But the pains which He endured Alleluia!**  
**Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!**  
**Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!**  
**Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
  
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia**  
**Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia**  
**Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia**  
**Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**