

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10:30 AM



*"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."*

John 20:21, NRSV



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In today's gospel reading, the risen Christ appears to the disciples who have locked themselves into a house. In the midst of their fear he offers his peace so that they might go forth to proclaim God's victory over death. In this Sunday liturgy, Christ offers us his peace anew as we prepare to come to the table where he gives us his body and blood. As we receive bread and cup he says, Do not doubt but believe that I am with you. He sends us forth to be his peacemakers in a community and a world locked in by fear and injustice.

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM Psalm 148

C Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Women *Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!
Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!*

Men *Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*

C 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.

Women *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!*

Men *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 women alike, old and young together!*

C 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia, Jesus is Risen” LSB 474

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -

ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922-87; setting: Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948

EARTH AND ALL STARS
 4 5 10 4 5 10 and refrain

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 Tune: © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House; setting: © 2006 Concordia Publishing House

Matt. 28:5-7; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Rev. 5:6-14; John 15:1-8

KYRIE

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

P In peace, in peace, let us pray — to the

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through —
C Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the

Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to
Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray — to the

Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Help, save, and de -

fend us, O God.

(accompaniment/intro)
men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bration, all of cre -
a - tion sings for joy to the God of

life and love and free-dom; praise and
 glo-ry for ev - er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
 slain, _____ whose blood has freed and u -
 nit - ed us to be one great
to Refrain
 peo - ple of God. _____

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____
to Refrain
 _____ for - ev - er. _____

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, —
— to make us peo- ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

Children are invited to meet by the Cross for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the crowd that had gathered. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

R Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the people: "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."

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians who were suffering for their faith. It begins by praising God for the resurrection of Jesus, which produces hope, then and now.

R 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

| ----- Introduction ----- |

C Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-

ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! (Repeat, starting after intro.)

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 20, beginning at verse 19.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

One week after Easter, Christ still comes to those who believe in him; he seeks any who may have missed his offer of peace and life through his resurrection.

P 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Sit

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

GELOBT SEI GOTT
888 and alleluia

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Stand

OFFERTORY SONG

C

introduction ----- | *rit.* *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once
scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in
you. *(1st & 2nd times: go to verses;
3rd time: end)*

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is
2. Let this be a fore-taste of
shared with - in our midst, may we share the
all that is to come when all cre - a - tion

pres - ence of your love. (Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)
 shares this feast with you. (Sing Refrain once more)

P Let us pray. Giver of life,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

P

And also with you.

C

Lift up your hearts.

P

We lift them to the Lord.

C

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

C

P It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of

C

pow - er and might; Heav-en and earth are
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho-
 san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high-est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

G 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

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

1) Lamb of God, you take a -
 2) Lamb of God, you are the



way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
 way of mer - cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)
 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks" WOV 671

Refrain F Dm Gm C

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

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B^b C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B^b C *Refrain*

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

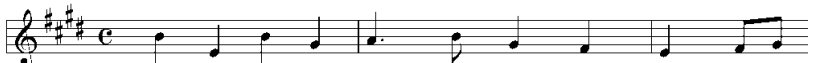
The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system continues the refrain. The third system contains five numbered verses. The fourth system concludes with the refrain. Chord symbols (F, Dm, Gm, C, Bb) are placed above the vocal line. The bass line is written in bass clef.

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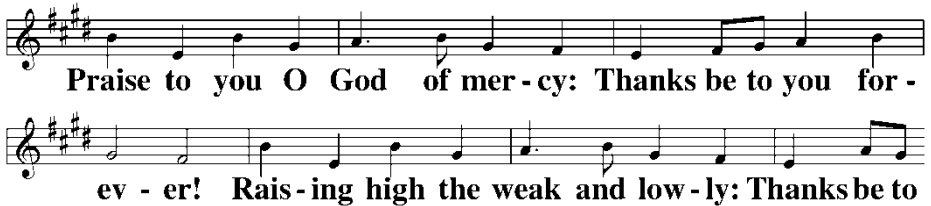
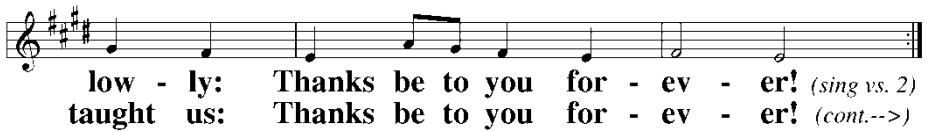
ALLELUIA NO. 1
 8 8 and refrain

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to
2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to



P Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Christ The Eternal Lord"

1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,

Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;

With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,

In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

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DIADEMATATA

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Matt. 28:18–20; John 1:1–18; 14:6; 1 Peter 1:8–9

POSTLUDE

---- The liturgy is ended; let the service begin ----

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
