

SECOND SUNDAY OF



EASTER

April 11, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Prelude “Christ Arose”

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The congregation remains seated for the entire service

Hymn 210 “The day of resurrection!”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own ‘All hail!’ and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

John of Damascus; tr. John Mason Neale, alt. This selection is in the public domain.

The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

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 then says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

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.**

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 the 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.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Psalm 133 (*recited in unison*)

- ¹Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- ²It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- ³Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- ⁴It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- ⁵For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

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.**

The Lessons

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now 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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

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

Cantemus Domino

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;

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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 John 1:1—2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in

us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Canticle 21, You Are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

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.**

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.” ²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Homily The Very Rev. William J. McClure, Jr.

Scripture Reflection

God continually works to bring unity and reconciliation in the midst of all forms of separation.

The story from Acts tells of early followers of Christ who worked to be of one heart and soul in their Lord and did not allow individualism to limit the scope of the resources entrusted to them. Grounded in the love of God in Christ Jesus, they were able to be of one heart and mind as a Holy Church and ably meet the needs of the people.

The psalmist reminds the people of God's blessing and fulness of life experienced in unity.

The Epistle from 1 John relates how folks become separated from God and the church as a result of sinful behavior. Sin is that which separates us from God and one another. The lesson reminds us that we need to face and acknowledge that which separates us, in order that we may turn things around and move from darkness to light. The words from the invitation to a holy Lent from the Ash Wednesday Liturgy come to mind: "[Lent] was a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church" (BCP p. 265). While sins do not necessarily have to be considered "notorious" to separate us, the epistle reminds us of the fullness and joy experienced in reconciliation and unity.

In the reading from the Gospel, Jesus' followers are hunkered down together in fear, anxiety and confusion. Christ comes among them and breathes the Spirit upon them and bids them peace. Thomas is not with them at the time and desires to have the same physical reunion with his Lord. There are two kinds of separation troubles in this story. The separation that comes from fear, anxiety, and confusion; and physical separation. God in Christ works to empower the faithful and give them peace, that their faith may make them one and help them to draw upon the eternal Presence to carry out God's mission. Jesus has compassion on Thomas and allows him to experience a physical re-connection, but the Christ reminds him, the disciples, and us that we can experience unity and blessing, even when physical contact is not possible.

"What Thomas saw was one thing; what he believed was another. He recognized the reality of the man and testified that he was the invisible God." —Pope Gregory I, the Great

We too experience separation from fear, anxiety and confusion; we all too often get caught up in selfishness and individualism; and we know all about physical separation. Yet, we too have the assurance of God's blessing and fulness of life realized in the bonds of love and peace that transcend the physical.

"Neither fear nor love of self will ever turn the soul to God. They might influence one's actions, but they will never change one's heart." --Bernard of Clairvaux

God continues to be steadfastly at work, inviting all persons to come to the understanding of the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and through belief to share in a saving relationship in unity with God and one another.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

**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.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Then follow these Suffrages

- 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.**

Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Priest says

Through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus, God brings a new gift of peace into the world. Let us offer our prayers with thankful hope, saying: God has ordained the blessing; life forevermore.

An appointed person leads the prayers.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church, O Gracious One. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Skip, our Assisting Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese as we explore our way forward, Bill, our Rector, Dan, our Deacon, LARCC Clergy at St. Paul Lutheran Church (LARCC), St.

Dunstan's, Davidson and St. Timothy's, Richland (Diocesan), and the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (Anglican), that we may be of one heart and soul, live together in unity, and bring the light of your reconciling gospel of forgiveness and peace to the whole world. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Inspire the leaders of our nation, especially Joseph, our President, Gretchen, our Governor, and all in authority throughout the world with the breath of your peace, that they may share their possessions with the poor and bring justice and comfort to all who live in fear or need. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Be present to any who huddle fearfully behind closed and locked doors and let the healing touch of the wounded Jesus come to comfort all who suffer anywhere on the earth. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Let this community walk in your light and do our work of reconciliation, revealing the eternal life that was with the Father and has been revealed to us. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Hear the cries of all who grieve like Thomas and of all who suffer from any form of anguish, illness or hurt, especially Sue, Maxine, Phil, Lynn, Clarise, Maggie, Adam, Gary, Laurie, Debbie, Matthew, Bob, Curtis, Carol, Pat, Charlie, Aurora, Scott, Angie, Daryl, Lauren, Jim, Mike, Barb, Donna, Bob, Jane, Jeff, Shirley, Adam, and Whayne. Are there others?

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty.

Be with those who are quarantined and hospitalized. Keep them company while we cannot. Grant them patience and strength.

Be with those whose finances are affected. Help them find resources to take care of themselves and their families.

Be with the elderly and vulnerable. Help all to avoid carelessness so they may remain whole.

Be with our neighbors who lack housing. When they depend on generosity, may they receive a double helping.

Be with those who feel overwhelmed by the news cycle. Help them to discern what matters most and what to set aside.

Be with the bereaved and defend them from despair.

Be with all health professionals and give them your wisdom and protection. We pray especially for Dan, Tom, Katie, Debbie, Rich, Cheryl, Kelly, Easton, Ashley, Alex, Shanen, Kelsi, Nate, Sonya, Lisa, Cara, Tammy, Kendra, Flo and any others we may name at this time.

Be with our public health officials and the World Health Organization. Give them and all our leaders foresight to act with charity and concern for the long-term well-being of all.

Complete our joy as we offer our words of thanksgiving to you, especially for the birthdays of Cheryl, Cynthia and George, and for those in military service: Ashley, Jeremy, Tyler, Joshua, Isaac, Brian, Carl, Adam, John and Robert. Are there other thanksgivings?

Receive into your eternal life all who have died, especially those who we name before you at this time, that they may have life in Christ's name. Are there others?

God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Lord Jesus Christ, give us your peace. Help us to be vigilant and generous. Give us courage to be your witnesses by our actions. Teach us to pray honestly and expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our help and our shield, now and forever.

God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

The Priest Says

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity: Fill your people with the breath of your Holy Spirit, O God, and bring us the assurance of forgiveness, that we may be enlivened to participate in Christ's work of reconciliation on behalf of all the world, and share in his eternal life, here and now, and forevermore. **Amen.**

(Adapted using excerpts from A Prayer for a Time of Pandemic adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, by Kerry Webber)

Hymn 213 “Come away to the skies”

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day,
come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,
by our heavenly Father bestowed, while his grace we receive
from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine! Now created again
that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart,
let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King,
and his rapturous praises, repeat: to the Lamb that was slain,
hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

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The General Thanksgiving *Said by all*

Almighty God, Father 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

The Officiant may then say

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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In Our Prayers

LARCC: LARCC Clergy at St. Paul Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Sue Linke, Maxine Moran, Phil Goddard, Lynn Duby, Clarise Grzenkowicz, Maggie Lamb, Adam Kelsch, Gary Hartman, Laurie Griggs, Debbie Harrison, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Curtis Carr, Carol Putkamer, Pat Leahy, Charlie Beach, Aurora Johnson, Scott Collins, Angie Collins, Daryl Hebert, Lauren Wheeler, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Barb Skaluba, Donna Mullen, Bob & Jane Rousseau, Jeff Goyette, Adam, Whayne Hougland

Homebound: Shirley Carr

Birthdays: Cheryl Lemke (12), Cynthia Taylor (13), George Blair (17)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Jeremy Anderson, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, Brian Monroe, Carl Benander, Adam Barnes, John Hartman, Robert Waisanen

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. Dunstan's, Davidson and St. Timothy's, Richland; Anglican: the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory of someone or as a thanksgiving, there are openings available. Call Sonya Titus at 354-6031.

FEELING DISCONNECTED? HAVE A SPECIAL NEED OF THE CHURCH?

Contact the Rector at 231-420-8467 or email at rector@trinityalpena.net.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Sunday Supper is in need of to-go desserts (e.g. cookies) to go with the curbside meals. Please contact Ellen Eagan (356-4094) to make arrangements.

The Flowers At The Altar

In Memory
of
Clarence Fox
Victor Fox
Ethel & Shepton Fox
Hazel & Herbert Fox
Connie & Sam Shaw
by
Dr. & Mrs. William Fox

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Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

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