



The Second Sunday OF Easter  
April 11, 2021  
*Welcome!*

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the beauty of this season

*Those outside: Please tune your car radio to 100.1*  
**While inside we cannot “lift out voice and sing”.**  
**But we can reflect on the words draw us to God**

Prelude

Opening Hymn

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

Hymn # 205

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 To God the Father, God the Son,  
to God the Spirit, always One,  
we sing for life in us begun:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People**

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

Hymn of Praise

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**

Celebrant        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.

**People**        **Amen.**

## The First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

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.

## The Response to the First Reading

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

## Hymn

*We walk by faith, and not by sight*

Hymn #209

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

<sup>2</sup>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!"

<sup>4</sup>that, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

## The Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We 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-- this 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-- we 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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Officiant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

**The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation*

*he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

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 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 all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Cheryl, Ralph, Bill, Harry, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Jackie, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Marlin, Armando, Jud, Janice, John, Mark, Harriett and Lee.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Please add your own thanksgivings.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, 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.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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 Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with us all.

Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Organ Voluntary

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant 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. 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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

***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, for ever and ever. Amen***

The Breaking of Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*You will be invited forward, one at a time, being mindful of a 6' spacing, to receive the bread.*

Hymn during Communion

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give Praise to his Name.*

<sup>1</sup> *Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.  
Refrain*

<sup>2</sup> *Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.  
Refrain*

<sup>3</sup> *We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever.  
Refrain*

<sup>4</sup> *Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior  
Refrain*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

***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.***

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.  
Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

Closing Hymn

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymn # 490

<sup>1</sup> *I want to walk as a child of the light*

*I want to follow Jesus*

*God sent the stars to give light to the world*

*The star of my life is Jesus*

*Refrain*

*In Him, there is no darkness at all*

*The night and the day are both alike*

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God*

*Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus*

<sup>2</sup> *I want to see the brightness of God*

*I want to look at Jesus*

*Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path*

*And show me the way to the Father*

*Refrain*

<sup>3</sup> *I'm looking for the coming of Christ*

*I want to be with Jesus*

*When we have run with patience the race*

*We shall know the joy of Jesus*

*Refrain*

## Serving Today

Officiant: The Rev. Becky Crites

Organist: Kenyon Scott

Reader: April Miller

LEM: Betty Camp

### Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

April Miller	11	Ruth and Langhorne Jones	23
Rosemary Nichols	19		
Sharon Taylor	25		

### Vestry Members

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell (can be reappointed)

Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott By Vestry Appointment: Rick Dixon

*We give thanks for your continued your offerings to God through Emmanuel.*

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Due to the wonderful progress made against COVID-19, the vestry feels we can safely meet for our Annual Parish Meeting. ***This will be held NEXT SUNDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 11 am service.*** The vestry invites you to come and hear about Emmanuel, to thank Anne Hunt and Caro;-Anne Lawson for their 3+ years on the vestry and to elect their nominations for vestry: Laura Chappell, Rick Dixon and Betty Camp as new members.

BOOK STUDY: Read Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Curry. We will meet after Easter to discuss the book. **Date and time TBD.** I have a copy to loan, let me know.

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### THE EASTER LECTIONARY

Since the fourth century, the First Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures is replaced by one from the Acts of the Apostles. As an Easter People, our life is defined by the Risen Christ. The Easter story continues with us. We begin our Fifty Day Easter Journey by joining our story with the stories of the acts of those of that first Easter journey.

The Second Readings on these Sundays come from I Peter (Year A), I John (Year B), and the Book of Revelation (Year C). Except for Luke's story of the Road To Emmaus, the Gospel readings are from John.

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