



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

JOHN 20:21



Sunday, April 19, 2020

Live Stream via

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Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

GATHERING

The Live Stream will be "on" and running as we prep for worship. As you settle into a comfy place, find something nourishing to be with you: light a candle, hold a cup of coffee, snuggle a pet or stuffed animal.

Thanksgiving for Baptism - "Praise Song for the Pandemic"

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Using the words, "Praise song for the Pandemic" by Christine Valters Paintner, Abbey of the Arts, let us give thanks to God for baptism, and all God that brings about through these waters of healing, forgiveness, and resurrection life.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the people: ²²"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—²³this Jesus, 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. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

who is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that God would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who ¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night ¹ after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al-¹ ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall ¹ not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹ it rejoices;
my body also shall ¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me ¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one ¹ see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the ¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-
¹ evermore.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from First Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Judeans, 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 said to Jesus, “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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Bishop Jerry Mansholt, ECSW

Prayers of Intercession

The responses will be:

Protect the church, O God,
for we take refuge in you.

Protect the earth, O God,
for we take refuge in you.

Protect the nations, O God,
for we take refuge in you.

Protect the needy, O God,
for we take refuge in you.

Protect your people, O God,
for we take refuge in you.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Offering Moment

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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A word about Pastoral Care

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Sparkhouse Family Sunday School

Sunday school is now online! We are inviting families to take advantage of the free Sunday school lesson offered weekly through Sparkhouse. Check out Spark's website for this week's material: www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/

Christ in our Home Devotional

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SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Faith in Jesus includes a relationship with Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Peter addresses the crowd
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Wednesday	Mark 10:46-52	The healing of blind Bartimaeus
Thursday	John 4:1-30	Woman at the well with Jesus
Friday	John 4:46-54	Jesus heals an official's son
Saturday	Psalms 16	Song of trust in God
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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." **John 20:28-29 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, strengthen us in faith; give us the desire to know you more day by day that we may live with love and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we receive this food with joy, knowing that all good gifts come from you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God show you the path of life and give you joy through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 16:11)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Walk by Faith



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is someone you wish you knew or knew better?
- How does having a personal, trusted relationship with someone impact your life?
- How do you grow in your relationship with Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 20:19-31.

It is hard to read this text and not be influenced by the title "doubting Thomas." However, it is only Thomas in the whole Gospel of John who makes the confession of faith that Jesus is God and more specifically, "My God" (v. 28). In this passage at least two important points about the Christian faith are revealed: 1) faith is relational (Thomas personalizes Jesus as "My God"), and 2) faith is a lifelong journey. Jesus blessed those who "come to believe." The Greek text denotes a continuous process, not just believing at a certain point in time, but continuing to believe. And, isn't that what is needed to have a real relationship to someone: an ongoing development—even being challenged by—that relationship. What Jesus means for us and to us will continue to develop for a lifetime. As we age and as we have new experiences and challenges, the meaning of Jesus for our lives and our world evolves, even as we evolve and "have life in his name" (v. 31). Our relationship with Jesus grows and develops over time. Describe your relationship with Jesus.

Pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, into my life this day, that I may confess you as my God and have life through you each and every day. Amen.**

SERVICE



Thomas had to see Jesus to believe. 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" (John 20:29). It is through our service that the world "sees" Jesus. We are his voice, hands, and feet in the world. List ways others have seen Jesus and his love through your actions and words.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



When Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection, he said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19b). This has become a traditional greeting among Christians as a reminder of Christ's presence. Practice greeting friends and family in your home using these words this week.



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