

# The Second Sunday of Easter

## 10:00 AM + April 19, 2020

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

### The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

#### The Word of God

Hymn: *Good Christians, all rejoice and sing*

Hymn 205 vs 1, 3 & 4



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



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

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

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen

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

*Celebrant* Collect for Purity

### **Glory to God**

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray together.

### **Collect**

Said in unison

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 Reading from the Book of Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

**P**eter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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."

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

- 1 Protect 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 upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## A Reading from Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter 1:3-9

**B**lessed 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.

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

*People*     *Said before the reading*  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Said after the reading*  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen 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.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet

**Silent Meditation**

**The Nicene Creed**

Spoken by all, standing.

**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 IV**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

**PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Pray for the Church of Ireland.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, for Paul, our Interim Rector and for Valerie Cowart, Diaconate Candidate.

**In our Diocese:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton, St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, Trinity Church, Concord, St. Andrew's Church, Framingham and for the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

**We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford,** especially for Grace Community Church.

**PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH** especially for all parishioners who are socially distancing and working to keep in touch with other parishioners in this time of isolation.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Katy Belanger                      recovering from illness

Martha Smith                        recovering from illness

Barbara Waldron in hospice  
Marlene Hillman recovering from snowmobile accident  
Chaz Freeman cellulitis  
Leigh Bilsbury recovering from knee surgery  
Molly Loder Brain cancer  
Nate Barrow Medical concerns

**PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Alyson Ward & housemates daughter of Max & Barbara Ward –protection from spread of virus  
Michelle Coddington niece of Linda Coddington – diagnosed with COVID-19  
Dan friend of Katy Belanger – stage 4 lung cancer  
Family of David Kennedy – friend of Scott Bempkins – loss of husband/father to Parkinson’s disease  
Chris Gobron brother of Deb Collins – recurrence of esophageal cancer  
Jennifer Sister of Lissie Bates-Haus - Cancer  
Joanna Nickerson Deacon Bruce’s wife - Parkinsons  
Erismath M. Kintu Rowena’s father – health concerns  
Phil Bisselle friend of the Snedens – recovering from a stroke

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH**

**CHRONIC ILLNESSES:** Terry Hunter, Brian Hunter’s brother, Chaz Freeman, Lois Freeman’s son, Vinnie and Jeanette Freeman, Janet Laughlin at Newbury Court, Concord, Larry Van Walters, Ken Lager, twin brother of Kate Friesner, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, D’Youville, Lowell

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Especially for those who have been deployed overseas, and for all others serving our country.

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

**Choir Anthem:** *The strife is o'er*

Louise Munding

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

**Announcements**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**Contemplative Eucharist**

**Concluding Prayer**

Almighty God, our fast from Holy Communion does not arise out of any lack of devotion to you, but out of the love you have commanded that we have for one another. Give us strength to endure and bless this fast so that our spiritual hunger will lead us to worship you as one family once again gathered around your altar where with your Son Jesus Christ you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, unto ages of ages.

## **The Easter Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary:** *Fanfare #2*

Eric Thiman

performed by Carl Klein

*Join us for online coffee hour at 11am on Sunday! The Zoom link is found in an email invitation sent on Sunday mornings.*