

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY COMMUNION

11 April 2021

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

1. Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding
in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle
God has in sight!

Refrain:

**Jesus is risen
and we shall arise.
Give God the glory!
Alleluia!**

2. Walking the way,

Christ in the center
telling the story
to open our eyes;
breaking our bread,
giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing,
our constant surprise.

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Refrain

4. Weeping, be gone;
sorrow, be silent;
death put asunder,
and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder,
adorn us in light.

Refrain

5. City of God,
Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem,
Jesus the Lamb,
river of life,
saints and archangels,
sing with creation
to God the I AM.

Refrain

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast”

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life
and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. Now is the feast
of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.

Refrain

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: 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 and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Touch That Soothes and Heals”

Gregg DeMay, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 John 1:1—2:2

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check.
The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin.
God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so
that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia!

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THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples.
His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust
themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor John Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Walk by Faith”

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke
as none e'er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”
2. We may not touch
your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. 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:
4. For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.
5. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Made alive in Christ and filled with God's Spirit, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all of God's creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Receive our prayers, merciful God, and fill us with the risen life of Christ our
Lord.

People: Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

SETTING THE TABLE

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

1. As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2. Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.

Refrain

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy and living God, we give you thanks for Jesus...
...Through Christ all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. As this gathering becomes Christ's table, we all are known and loved.

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and these gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

People: In this meal, O God, you have strengthened us by the risen life of your Son. As you send us into the world, guide us on paths of justice and teach us to live as servants to one another. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen

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CLOSING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Through you Christ blesses the world.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!