

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria sung by Choir of St. John's Church

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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. ***Amen.***

Gloria

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.



Russian Orthodox icon of the Resurrection

A Reading from the Book of Acts

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 word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * **when kindred live together in unity!**

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

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

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

For there has God ordained the blessing: * **life for evermore.**

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 Jewish authorities, 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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 became truly human.

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; Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who 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.

Prayers of the People

Presider: Gathered as believers in Christ, with the living Christ among us, let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world.

Leader: For peace from on high and for our salvation. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Alan and Gayle, our bishops; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Prayers, cont'd.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Trinity Church, Newton Centre; Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban; St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; Life Together Diocesan Intern Program; and the Diocesan Library and Archives Board. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. For all those on our prayer list; for those for whom our prayers have been asked; for all in need of God's comforting presence; **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who freed us from our sins through the Resurrection of your Son. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Prayers

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

Presider and People: **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.

Easter Blessing: May 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.**

Dismissal:

Presider/Deacon: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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