

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING PRAYER I
APRIL 19, 2020



Officiant: If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Silence may be kept.

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7 8; Romans 6:9 11; 1 Corinthians 15:20 22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
 death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
 but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
 but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ is risen from the dead, *
 and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
 by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
 even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 16

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."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; *
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
 my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
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.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of Apostles.

Peter, 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Praise Thee

Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

the Father, of an infinite majesty,

thine adorable, true, and only Son,

also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

**Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.**

John 20:19-31

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham,*
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Homily

Mother Cathy Carpenter

The Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant 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.

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

The Prayers

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ's church and the world.

We pray for the Church universal, that it may be governed by thy Spirit and that all Christians may hold fast the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe, our Rector Cathy, all bishops and ministers. We lift up in prayer the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember Zion Church in Windsor, St. Andrew's Church in Albany, all essential workers, first responders and health care professionals.

We commend this nation to thy merciful care. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Rule the hearts and minds of all those entrusted with the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President Donald and our Governor Andrew. May they make wise decisions and take right actions for the sake of their people and for the welfare and peace of the world.

We thank thee for the splendor of creation, the beauty of the earth, and the wonder of life. We pray that we may all be good stewards of the Earth as we celebrate Earth Day this week. Look with compassion on the whole human family. We are made in thine own image and redeemed through thy Son. Guide the peoples of the world into the way of justice and truth. Take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, and unite us in bonds of love.

May thy presence and power be known throughout this land. May mutual regard sustain our civic life. Help us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression so that peace may prevail with righteousness and justice. Show us the way when we are in the wilderness. Grant us minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve. We commend to thy care our homes and neighborhoods, and our places of work, study, recreation, and worship especially our parish families of; Tom & Nancy Fredette, and Bill & Sally Chambers. Guide our lives so that we may manifest thy love to everyone among whom we live.

We pray for the sick, the aged and infirm, and all who suffer, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Bob Johnson, Elaina Renfrew, Evelyn Mercer, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Ruth Ziemer, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Howard, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Justine, Debbie, Eleanor, Lynne, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Abigail, Bill, Erin, Phyllis Brown, our service members and their families and those we now name, silently or aloud. For a world in need and those seeking a good friend. We entrust all who are dear to us to thy neverfailing care and love.

We pray for those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially Rose Shyposh, Eleanor Krake, Arthur Smith and those whom we now name silently or aloud. Grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 3:20*

People: **Amen.**