

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2021

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening hymn	<i>That Easter day with joy was bright</i>	193 (hymnal)
Penitential Rite		351 (prayer book)
Gloria		S278 (hymnal)
Collect of the Day		224 (prayer book)

I reading— Acts 4:32-35

Reader: A reading from Acts.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren 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 the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

II reading—1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader: A reading from First John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no

darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel— John 20:19-31

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

**People: Glory to you, O 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 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

The Nicene Creed

358 (prayer book)

Prayers of the People— Form 3

387 (prayer book)

Anthem

*We walk by faith and not by light*

209 (hymnal)

The Lord's Prayer

364 (prayer book)

The Peace

360 (prayer book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

174 (hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM 3**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; In our parish we pray for Tom & Nancy Fredette, Bill & Sally Chambers

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and DeDe our Bishop.

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jayce Diaz, John Bedard, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, Frank, John, and Angie.

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Fern Butler, Barbara, and Connie Taft

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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