



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.

Welcome

Officiant: Steven Mackison

✠ The Easter Greeting

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The Gloria

Led by Will Reid

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: 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 for ever.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

Catherine Emerson

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the 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."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 16 – *George Black*

Led by Michael Broder



I have said to the Most High, "You are my God."

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said, "You are my God, 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. *R.*

O God, 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 my God who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. *R.*

O God, I have set you always before me; because you are 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. *R.*

Second Reading

Lyn Sibley

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed 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 honour 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 1.3-9

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: "By the Mark" - Gillian Welch

Pre-recorded (Mike Daley)

When I cross over
I will shout and sing
I will know my savior
By the mark where the nails have been
By the mark where the nails have been
By the sign upon his precious skin
I will know my savior when I come to him
By the mark where the nails have been

A man of riches
May claim a crown of jewels
But the king of heaven
Can be told from the prince of fools

By the mark where the nails have been
By the sign upon his precious skin
I will know my savior when I come to him
By the mark where the nails have been

On Calvary Mountain
Where they made him suffer so
All my sin was paid for
A long, long time ago

By the mark where the nails have been
By the sign upon his precious skin
I will know my savior when I come to him
By the mark where the nails have been

The Gospel

Roshni Jayawardena

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.19-31

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nate Wall

A moment of silence is observed.

Hymn: #844 (Gather) “Without Seeing You”

All sing along

Refrain:



With -out see -ing you, we love you; with -out touch -ing you, we em -brace; with -out



know -ing you, we fol -low; with -out see -ing you, we be - lieve.

Verses:



1. For ev - er we sing to you of your good -ness, O God; pro -
2. For you are our shep - herd, there is noth - ing that we need; in green



claim -ing to all the world of your faith -ful -ness and love.
pas -tures we will find our rest, near the wat - ers of peace.

TEXT: Inspired by 1 Peter 1:8; David Haas, b. 1957. TUNE: David Haas, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Prayers of the People

John Stevens

Leader: Gracious Lord, we thank you for the mercy and compassion you showed to Thomas, dealing gently with him amid his doubts and restoring him to faith and hope. Give us the same mercy: alleviate our doubts, calm our fears, restore us to hope, and lead us to trust you ever more deeply and to rely ever more fully on your gracious and never-failing promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We pray to you, risen Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Everlasting Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your son into the world to suffer, die, and rise again for our salvation. May those who seek him reach out and feel Christ’s presence through the witness of the church. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may inspire all who seek your presence in their lives. We pray to you, risen Lord.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty Father, in the resurrection, Jesus the Christ brought your gift of peace to his disciples, that we might be reconciled to you for ever. Give all the peoples of the earth that peace which the world cannot give, that all may know the breadth and depth of your forgiveness. We pray to you, risen Lord.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of mercy, in his life, Jesus healed the sick and the suffering; in his death, he bore the wounds of all that we might be restored to wholeness and raised to new life with him. Heal those who are wounded in body and spirit, that they might know your power to save us from all the chances and changes of this earthly life. We pray to you, risen Lord.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of light and life, your son is risen, bringing life and immortality to all. We remember those who have died, praying that you will welcome them home. Bless and comfort their loved ones and give them peace. We pray to you, risen Lord.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Eternal God, you come to the locked doors of our hearts, inviting us to reach out and know that you are with us. Accept the prayers we offer you this day, that our doubts may give way to a holy and certain hope and our fears may give way to your peace. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Said by all

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #228 (Common Praise) "Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters" *Pre-recorded (Mike Daley)*

Refrain:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verses:



1. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard, how they had
2. "My pier - ced side, O Tho - mas, see; be - hold my
3. No long - er Tho - mas then de - nied; he saw the
4. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose



seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples'
hands, my feet," said he; "not faith - less, but be - liev - ing
feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he
faith has cons - tant been, for they e - ter - nal life shall



word. Al - le - lu - ia!
be." Al - le - lu - ia!
cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
win. Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Latin; attrib. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John
Mason Neale (1818-1866). MUSIC: O Filii Et Filiae. Melody
Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, Paris, 1623.

The Dismissal

Roshni Jayawardena

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

