



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024, AT 9:00 A.M.

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President: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #229 (Common Praise) “Who is There on This Easter Morning”

Redeemer Music Team

1. Who is there on this Eas-ter morn-ing runs not with John to
 2. Who has not stood where Ma-ry, griev-ing, to that first Eas-ter
 3. Who is there doubts that night is end-ed? Hear from on high the

find the grave? Nor sees how, death's do-min-ion scorn-ing,
 gar-den came, for ver-y joy but half be-liev-ing;
 trum-pets call! Christ is in tri-umph now as-cend-ed,

Je-sus is ris-en, strong to save? Who is there on this
 whose is the voice that calls her name? Who has not stood where
 ris-en and reign-ing Lord of all! Who is there doubts that

Eas-ter morn-ing runs not with John to find the grave?
 Ma-ry, griev-ing, to that first Eas-ter gar-den came?
 night is end-ed? Hear from on high the trum-pets call!

The Easter Greeting

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: The stone is rolled away.

People: **Death has been vanquished.**

The Collect of the Day

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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but everything was held in common. With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on them all. For there was no one needy among them, because those who were owners of land or houses were selling them and bringing the proceeds from the sales and placing them at the apostles' feet. The proceeds were distributed to each, as anyone had need.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 4.32-35

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 133 (Paraphrase) #473 (Common Praise) "Miren qué Bueno" (Pablo Sosa)

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Refrain



¡Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

Verses



1. How pleas-ant and har-mo-nious when God's peo-ple are to-geth-er:
2. How pleas-ant and har-mo-nious when God's peo-ple are to-geth-er:
3. How pleas-ant and har-mo-nious when God's peo-ple are to-geth-er:



fra-grant as pre-cious oil when run-ning fresh on Aar-on's beard.
fresh like the morn-ing dew that falls on Zi-on's ho-ly hill.
there is where God be-stows the bless-ing, life for ev-er-more.

Second Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

This is what we proclaim to you: what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and our hands have touched (concerning the word of life— and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us). What we have seen and heard we announce to you too, so that you may have fellowship with us (and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ). Thus we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Now this is the gospel message we have heard from him and announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth. 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 we do not bear the guilt of sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. If we say 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 One, and he himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the whole world.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 John 1.1-2.2

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “By the Mark” (*Gillian Welch*)

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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

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

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you." And after he said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the wounds from the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the wounds from the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe it!"

Eight days later the disciples were again together in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and examine my hands. Extend your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue in your unbelief, but believe." Thomas replied to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are the people who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus performed many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.19-31

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Prayers of the People

Henry Krol

Lord God,
Early in the morning,
When the world was young,
You made life in all its beauty and terror,
You gave birth to all that we know.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning,
When the world least expected it,
A newborn child crying in a cradle
Announced that you had come among us,
That you were one of us.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning,
Surrounded by respectable liars,
Religious leaders, anxious statesmen
And silent friends,
You accepted the penalty for doing good,
For being God:
You shouldered and suffered the cross.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning
A voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew
Proved that you had risen, that you came back
To those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning
In the multicoloured company
Of your Church on earth and in heaven
We celebrate your creation,
Your life,
Your death and resurrection,
Your interest in us:

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired,
New love where we have turned hard-hearted,
Forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded,
And the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
Where we are the prisoners of ourselves.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

To all and to each
Where regret is real,
God pronounces pardon
And grants us the right to begin again.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**


Hymn: #228 (Common Praise) "Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters"

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(Beginning only)



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



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The
2. That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the
3. An an - gel clad in white they see, who
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
5. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard, how
6. "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as see; be -
7. No lon - ger Thom - as then de - nied; he
8. How blest are they who have not seen, and
9. On this most ho - ly day of days, to



King of heaven, the glo - rious King, o'er death to -
faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
sat, and spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord goes
midst them came their Lord most dear, and said "My
they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed
hold my hands, my feet," said he; "not faith - less,
saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my
yet whose faith has con - stant been, for they e -
God your hearts and voic - es raise in laud and



day rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
on to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!
ju - bi - lee and praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion – not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste – but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.

*There are no special words or prayers for this,
all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love.
Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

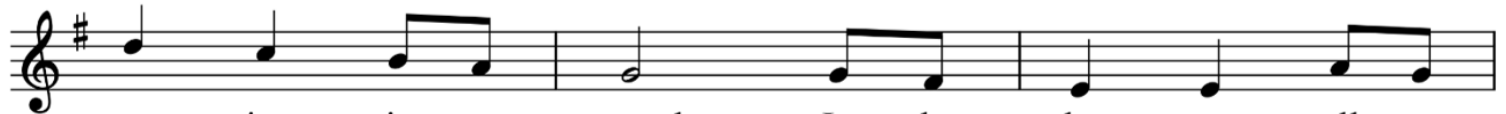
Announcements



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de -
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er more shall be the



days. Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre -
 spair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing, see what
 same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the



a - tion is a - mazed. In the des - ert all sur -
 love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res - ur -
 world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de - mon - ic



round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown. Heal - ing
 rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend. Je - sus
 chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!" God the



leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 is our strong com - pan - ion; joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 First and Last is with us. Sing ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

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The Dismissal

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

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

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EASTERTIDE

Sunday April 7 (Second Sunday after Easter)

7:00 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (Zoom only)

Sunday April 14 (Third Sunday after Easter)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)