

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Deming Park — Lions Shelter 1

The Liturgy of the Word

One Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Zimbabwe chant

All

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), C5 (half), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (half), F#4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). There are horizontal lines under the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5.

Christ our Passover has been sacri-ficed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

ALLELUIA

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has do-min-ion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALLELUIA

Christ has been raised from the dead, * the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, * so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

ALLELUIA 2 times

The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One 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.

All **Amen.**

Lesson Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Leader Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * *All* **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,**

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

There God has ordained the blessing: * **life for evermore.** *

The Gospel John 20:19-31

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

All **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 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Drew Downs

The Nicene Creed

All 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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

Leader For peace from on high and for our salvation.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader 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 Jennifer our bishop and the priests,
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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean,
the dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
St. Mark's, Plainfield, and our 7th Street church neighbors.

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.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed,
travelers and prisoners, and for those who have asked our prayers —

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier,
Jonnee Western, John Bonner, Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas,
Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Kay Griswold, David Mier,
Patrick Murphy, Dave Thomas, John Newlin, Matt Goodwin,
Rosemary Curtis, Bill Curtis, Mike Hayden, Steve Hoyt,
Jhansi Ghogle, Grace Daniel, Jonan Daniel, and Jordan Daniel.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead, especially Epaphras Ghogle.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love:

those celebrating birthdays,
especially Sophia Downs (4/11) and Craig McKee (4/17),
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,
especially Sheila Carl (4/12), Mary Conrad (4/12),
Kathryn Loeser (4/12), William Streeter (4/12),
Michael Nearpass (4/14), Jordan Bayles (4/16),
Austin Willis (4/16), and Lindsay Stergar (4/17),
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Carol Hutz (4/17).

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering Jesus' mother Mary, St. Thomas, and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

One Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus
Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon
us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**
Celebrant ...through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
All **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us!

All Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn *That Easter day with joy was bright*

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant God of abundance,

All you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!



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