

A Service for the Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 11, 2021

Prelude

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Celtic Echoes

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Peter Swarr

Priest Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Song of Praise

This Joyful Eastertide

Joel Pierce, organ, vocals

The Hymnal 1982, #192

Christopher Callaway, vocals

Red Sullivan, vocals

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for voice and organ. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three vocal lines and an organ line. The lyrics are: '1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and; 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the; 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son'. The second system also has three vocal lines and an organ line. The lyrics are: 'sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath; riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my; slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall'. The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment throughout.

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Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

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Collect of the Day*The Rev. Tom Mousin*

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. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35*Rachel Driscoll*

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.

Psalm 133*Cliff Ruprecht*

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.

Celtic Alleluia

Pamela Kinsey, vocals
The Rev. Kevin L. Kinsey, trumpet
Lindsey Watson, piano

The Gospel: John 20:19-31*The Rev. Gail Chandler*

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

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." 20After 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 Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Nicene Creed

Leslie Jenkins

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Prayers of the People

Macaulay Lord

We join our hearts and voices in praying for ourselves,
our neighbors, the church, the world
My Lord and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

Even as your people, living in your world, as we praise your name, we recognize a twinge of
fear and doubt in our hearts, we ask you to manifest your presence in our lives in a tangible
and glorious way.
My Lord and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

We pray for your followers throughout the world, that they have an experience of your love
for themselves, and a genuine experience of love with each other.
My Lord and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

We pray for those in authority everywhere,
that they may be sensitive to the needs of those they serve,
that they create environments in which integrity, truth, and justice flourish.
My Lord and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

Celia Wakefield

We bring before you those who are on our hearts this day, who are suffering from spiritual
or physical pain, who are paralyzed with anxiety and despair. Come into their lives with
powerful healing, and into their hearts with words of comfort and peace. Hold those dying
today close to your heart and welcome them into your eternal light and life.
My Lord and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

The Peace

Christine (Tina) Barden

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Music Hymn

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Joel Pierce, organ

The Hymnal 1982, #193

The Great Thanksgiving

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Kristen Burkholder

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. AMEN.

Lord's Prayer*Susan Trask*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

Fraction Anthem*The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Invitation to a Spiritual Communion*The Rev. George Sheats*

Written by Ben Cooke

Beloved, a spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray, expressing their desire to receive Holy Communion in this moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. Since we are now apart, let us pray:

All Christ, you invite us to your feast, setting before us your hearts bread, and your life's wine. We long with all our souls to feast with you at the Altar, to taste and see the Lord's goodness today. Since we cannot now find union at the table, grant your presence spiritually. We offer you our all; hearts, lives and souls, that we may become eternally one. Amen.

Easter Blessing*The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine***Dismissal***The Rev. Robert Laite*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Alleluia Alleluia
Thanks be to God
Alleluia Alleluia***

Postlude*Carillon by Louis Vierne**Joel Pierce, organ*



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Pamela Kinsey, vocals
The Rev. Kevin L. Kinsey, trumpet
Joel Pierce, organ, vocals
Red Sullivan, vocals, choir member, St. Albans
Lindsey Watson, piano

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