



The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street, and set your radio to **90.1 FM**. Bulletins and other handouts will be distributed after you have parked your car, and your offering will be gathered then as well. For Communion, please hold onto the wafers in plastic bags that you will have been given until the consecration and invitation to commune takes place later in the service. Pastor will try to lead part of the service from outside. Rest rooms are available in the church building.
- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please park at the far side of the front lot, the back lot, or one of the handicap spaces. Bulletins and other handouts will be distributed after you enter the lobby, and your offering will be gathered at that time. Masks will be worn in the building, or outside when talking to others, and everyone needs to stay six feet away from people in other households. Because speaking and singing can spread the virus even when wearing masks, we will not speak the responses out loud or sing – the assisting minister will speak the responses in the service and a cantor will sing on our behalf.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now – and so we are glad that you are here with us, so that together, we all can receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then be strengthened in daily love for God and our neighbors.

HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Sunday in Easter – April 11th, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDES

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound
Jerusalem Handbell Choir

Albert Zabel

The bell rings calling us to worship.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and
by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us, so that we may delight
in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
Of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness
of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN *The Day of Resurrection*

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- 1 The day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 the passover of gladness,
 the passover of God.
 From death to life eternal,
 from sin's dominion free,
 our Christ has brought us over
 with hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
 that we may see aright
 the Lord in rays eternal
 of resurrection light,
 and list'ning to his accents,
 may hear, so calm and plain,
 his own "All hail!" and hearing,
 may raise the glad refrain.

- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
 let earth its song begin,
 the round world keep high triumph
 and all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen,
 their notes of gladness blend;
 for Christ the Lord has risen,
 our joy that has no end!

- 4 All praise to God the Father,
 all praise to Christ the Son,
 all praise to God the Spirit,
 eternal Three in One!
 Let all the ransomed number
 fall down before the throne,
 and honor, pow'r, and glory
 ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

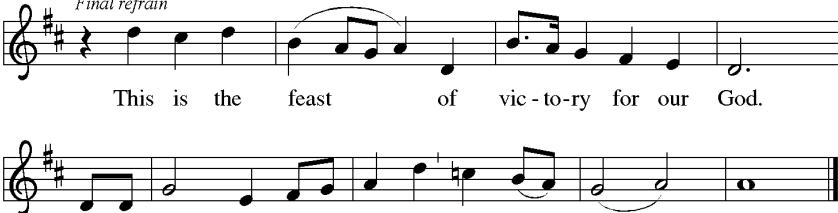
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 4:32-35

The assembly inside is seated.

³²Now 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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The assembly inside stands for the gospel.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Hail the Day

David Williams

Nancy Richards and Beverly Kriner, duet

A prerecorded anthem is available to view in Sunday’s recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Tanya Cartwright

A prerecorded children’s sermon is available to view in Sunday’s recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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The assembly inside stands. All proclaim the word of God in song.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing
with heav’nly hosts to Christ our king:

today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their master dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

APOSTLES CREED

We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it may testify to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore, even in the midst of a pandemic. Give guidance to vaccination researches and distributors; strength to those exhausted by caring for the sick; hope to those struggling with loneliness, anxiety or depression; wisdom to teachers, students, and child care workers; comfort to all who are sick or grieving from the pandemic; strength to essential workers; and patience to everyone as we yearn for more normal ways to live life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they may guide their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority, and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit that we may provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in Jerusalem's community of faith. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we may live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the cantor inside, and the assembly outside, responds with the "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

The thanksgiving concludes:

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

. . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

...Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion wafers that have been distributed and now consecrated, are eaten.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!
- 4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er

Michael Helman

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Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Mary Rowe	Jim Covert
Ushers	Joy Heffner	Don Boyer
	Luke Hale	Jim Ziegelbein
Cantor(s)	Rabekah Cdebaca	Brenda Searle
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Video Recorder		Linda Covert
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Ellayna Boyer	Linda Covert

Ushers	Don Nettles Noah Hale	Frank Mahoney Jane Mahoney
Cantor(s)	Audrey Christ	Audrey Christ
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Video Recorder		Mary Rowe
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of our Nunna, Geraldine Fortino on her birthday by Frank & Jane Mahoney.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS, Rebekah CdeBaca and Brenda Searle! Our online anthem is sent to us from Florida by Beverly Kriner!

ALL CREATION SINGS, a supplement for our hymnal with additional hymns, many of which were written since our "red hymnal" was published, will soon be available. As we continue to treasure older hymns, global hymns, and newer hymns, we look forward to buying and using this supplement to enrich our worship. The cost is \$12.50 each, with orders due to us by June 1 (so that we can order at the introductory price, before the higher price goes into effect on June 15). We need about 180 hymnals for our pews. Please use the hymnal envelopes to make your gift and indicate if it is a memorial, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God.

MINISTRY REPORTS FOR 2020 ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY! Even though last year the pandemic changed the shape of ministry, it is still important to celebrate what we were able to do in Christ's name in 2020 *despite* the pandemic.

SATURDAY APRIL 24TH from noon to 1 all confirmation age and young adults are welcome to join me outside on the labyrinth for a socially distanced pizza party. We will pray, catch up on each other's lives and discuss future events for Faith and Families Ministries. Please RSVP by Friday April 23rd.

MAY PLAY DAY is Saturday, May 1st from 10am -3pm. Enjoy boating, games campfire, arts and crafts, guided nature hikes. Camp store will be open. Event is free. Lunch will cost \$10 per person and is optional (hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, sides and drinks). You can pack your own lunch. They will follow all CDC guidelines and masks will be required. Registration is required if participating even if you are not eating lunch. Please see Tanya to register.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship 9:15am Confirmation Class/Sunday School 10:30am Worship
TUESDAY	6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting (Via Zoom) 7:00pm Church Council Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm Schuylkill Mission District Meeting (Via Zoom)
FRIDAY	1:00pm Schuylkill Haven Area Food Pantry Distribution