

# Easter 2 April 11, 2021

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

## Apostolic Greeting

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

**C** And also with you.

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate 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.

**C** Amen

## First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

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

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 133**

**How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!**

**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

**It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.**

**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day that the Lord  
has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Second Reading: I John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 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 that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that 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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

**L The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

**C Glory to you, O lord.**

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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Alleluia Jesus is Risen”**

## NICENE CREED

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

L In the joy of the gift of new life, let us raise our neighbors in prayer.

AM For the whole people of God, that we may faithfully proclaim his mercy and grace.

**C Lord have mercy.**

AM For the whole human race, that as one we may build a life-giving future.

**C Lord have mercy.**

AM For any other needs that are known to us... May our Lord's help be abundant and swift.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L For all these things, and all else you see that we need, Lord, we offer our prayers in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Sanctus

**C 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.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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

*Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.  
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.*

**L** Together we receive these gifts as signs of the ever-present  
grace of our risen Lord.  
**C** Amen



## Post Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through  
the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in  
faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
**C** Amen

## Blessing

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and  
mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

**“Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”**

## Dismissal

**AM** Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.  
**C** Amen.

## Postlude

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*When you depart, please exit through the door marked “Exit,” moving through the narthex  
and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.*

*Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.*

*Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.*

# IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Laurie Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Robert & Mel Andrighetti  
Chuck Andersen  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Irene Barillaro  
Elana Barkasy  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Karen Bell  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Nancy Bent  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Joe Brancato  
George Bruno  
Brusseau Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Joe Casagni  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrhne  
Nancy Colon  
Cheryl and Rich Corey  
Wayne Crossman  
Barry Demkar  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Delores Derwitsch  
Gerard Doll  
Irene Douglas  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Holly Florio  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Gabby Gerkin  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
Brad Herzberg  
Jim Hornfischer

Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Burke LaClair  
Jeff Lajoie and family  
Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Mervin Mank  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Bernice Miller  
Ruth Mohlenhoff  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Denise Murphy  
Doris Murphy  
Michael Meyers  
Dennis Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Wally Pence  
Marge Raspiller  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Dave Roskopf  
Chris Samele  
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick  
Rosemary Schibi  
Linda Schultz  
Jay Shaw  
Linda Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Jon Sterling  
Reid Underwood  
Russ Wilmot  
Jean Marie Witt  
Anna Woike

Paul  
Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Tom D.  
Pam  
Miguel  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
Clarence and Priscilla  
Paula  
Larry V.  
Diane H.  
Clinton L.  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family

## Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner  
Marilyn Duteau

## Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**



## “Sock it to ‘em”

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