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## *The Second Sunday of Easter*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast online via livestream video*

## THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude in G Major, BWV 550

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

## THE OPENING HYMN 208, vv. 1–3 Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle won

VICTORY

*All sing.*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832–1909), alt.

Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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.  
*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:14a, 22–32*

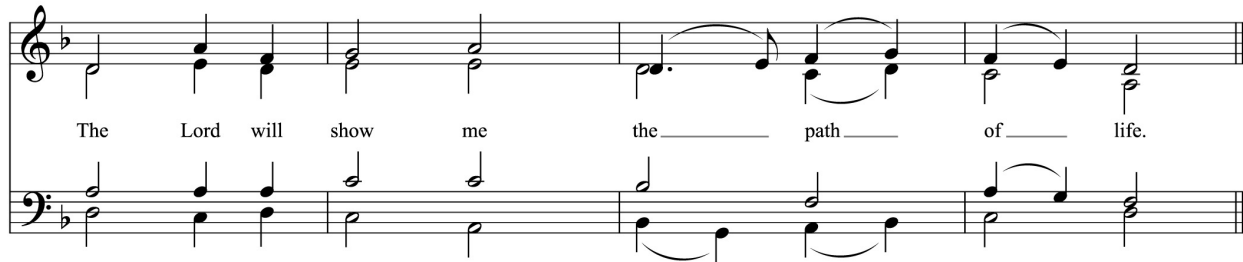
**P**eter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 16

The people say the text in **bold print**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.



The Lord will show me the path of life.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3–9

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to

result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 206, vv. 1,2,6 O sons and daughters, let us sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

All sing.

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,  
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,

1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,

1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.*

*Words:* Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

*Music:* O filii et filiae, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

## THE GOSPEL

*John 20:19–31**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen 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.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*All sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.*

Creator God of the universe, God of a thousand names and faces, divine source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of Earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the novel coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus:

For all healthcare givers—nurses, physicians, aides, EMTs, paramedics, technicians and therapists; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For hospital and nursing home medical staff, assistants, and housekeepers, and for the patients themselves; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who travel for their daily work over land and sea and through the air—flight attendants, pilots, ship captains and sailors, bus drivers, passengers and long-distance truck drivers; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who handle money—bankers, cashiers, and office staff; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who pump gas and serve customers at gas stations and interstate rest areas; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For restaurateurs, caterers, and food service workers; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For hospitality workers—hotel and motel receptionists, servers and housekeepers; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For grocery and drug store stock clerks, cashiers, suppliers, managers, pharmacists, and delivery drivers, and for those shopping for necessities; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For daycare center staff who cuddle and comfort children, and for all children; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For teachers, professors, and staff at schools and universities across the world, and for students everywhere; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have lost their jobs and worry about being unable to care for their families' basic needs; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the homeless crowded in shelters and huddling for warmth over steam grates and under urban bridges; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the poor, the lonely, the vulnerable, migrants, and the isolated elderly who have no protectors; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the church, hospital chaplains, and all who are working to keep congregations connected; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have tested positive for COVID-19, all who are waiting for test results, and all who are quarantined; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have died of COVID-19 who are now free from pain and suffering. May the God of hope carry them all the way home, and comfort their families and friends. Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

*Celebrant* Loving God, hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you, O God of hope. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

## THE 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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O lord of all; presenting to you, not bread and wine, because we cannot be together this day to share them, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation.

We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him.

Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

**3** *f* Forcefully

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 417 This is the feast of victory for our God

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

All sing.

*Antiphon*

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  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]  
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Revelations 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980)

Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**THE VOLUNTARY** Toccata

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti. Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Janet Ray	Linda Evans	Chris	Lee
Susan Murray	Sue	Mary Stoughton	Lonnie
Brad Babbitt	Jen Evans	Ellie Brown	Micah, Francis &
Billy Ulrich	Gwain Gillespie	Shep Baker	Shadae Gillam
Mary Rose	Erika Ulrich	Bev Baker	Ann Hutchinson
June Aziz	Zachary Fletcher	Helen Moore	

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Margaret Evans	Linda Evans
Stacey Alemany	Dianne Jones
Delilah Tweedie	Eden Baker

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Kristie Harrington & Tony Fournier

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; and for clergy whose work is not in parishes, multi-vocational priests, and clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of Ireland.