

Readings, Hymns & Collects

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

Opening | *The Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
O praise him, Alleluia!
When, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!

He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
O praise him, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
Their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus, the King of gentleness,
do now yourself our hearts possess,
O praise him, Alleluia!
that we may give you all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Collect of the Day

O God,
our beginning and our end:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.
Amen.

First Reading | *Acts 5:27-32*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
Thanks be to God

Psalm 150

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in the holy temple;
praise God in the firmament of divine power.

**Praise the Lord for mighty acts;
praise God for excellent greatness.**

Praise the Lord with the blast of the ram's-horn;
praise God with lyre and harp.

**Praise the Lord with timbrel and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.**

Praise the Lord with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud-clanging cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Reading | *John 20:19-31*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Second Hymn | *Jesus is Risen from the Grave*

Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
alleluia!

Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
alleluia!

Peter will soon be smiling,
Peter will soon be smiling,
Peter will soon be smiling,
alleluia!

Thomas will stop his doubting,
Thomas will stop his doubting,
Thomas will stop his doubting,
alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people,
alleluia!

Jesus is here in bread and wine,
Jesus is here in bread and wine,
Jesus is here in bread and wine,
alleluia!

Closing | *Christ is Risen from the Dead*

Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!
(Repeat)

Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat)

God the Spirit dwells within us, glory, hallelujah!
(Repeat)

God the Spirit with us, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat)

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
(Repeat)

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat)