

April 24, 2022

at 9am

Worship Booklet

Second Sunday of Easter

A Liturgy of the Word

*Please
join us
on **Zoom***



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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!

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Risen Christ stands among his disciples
and says, "Peace be with you."
Let us share Christ's peace with one another,
placing our hands on our hearts.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in digital
space, we each stand in place on solid

ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean. *I live in the City of Ottawa which is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.* On whose territory do you live?

Silence

Let us pray,

Loving God,

help us to live respectfully on these lands,
seeking justice and peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In this joyful Easter season, let us give thanks for the gift of new life.

Blessed are you, God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

**You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that we may daily be renewed in your
image, walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life;
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices to sing.**

Gloria

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of good will.*

Repeat

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!

Second Reading | *Revelations 1:4-8*

A Reading from the Revelation to John

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and
who was and who is to come, and from the
seven spirits who are before his throne, and
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth. To him who loves us and
freed us from our sins by his blood, and made
us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God
and Father, to him be glory and dominion

forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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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!

Sermon

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!

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us declare our faith in the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother, 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.**

Closing

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

**Glory to God
whose power working in us can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to
God from generation to generation in the
church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Blessing

May the joy of the resurrection be revealed in your life.

May the peace of the risen Lord live deep inside you.

May you be a sign of God's love to a world in need of hope and rebirth.

And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you this day and for evermore.

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)

Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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