

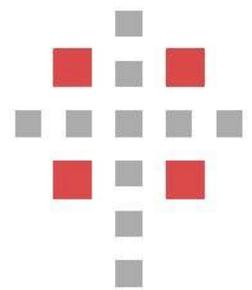


# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist

10:15am, April 11, 2021

*An Open and Welcoming Congregation*



EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
OF THE  
ASCENSION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SEATTLE RESTS ON THE TRADITIONAL HOMELANDS OF THE DUWAMISH PEOPLE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE ANCESTORS OF THIS PLACE AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF THE SACRIFICES FORCED UPON THEM. BY RECOGNIZING THESE COMMUNITIES, WE HONOR THEIR LEGACY, THEIR LIVES, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE MUSIC**     *Easter Hymn*

*Arr. John Ferguson © 2000 Morningstar Music Publishers*

*Please stand when the bell is rung, signaling the beginning of worship.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Officiant*     Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

**OPENING HYMN #174**     *At the Lamb's High Feast, vv. 1, 4*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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. **Amen**

*All are seated for the reading.*

## FIRST READING • Acts 4:32-35

*Lector* A reading from the book the Acts of the Apostles.

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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace

was upon them all. 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

### PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*All stand for the Gospel reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff, with the notes of the melody aligned with the syllables. The music ends with a double bar line.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** • *John 20:19-31*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord 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.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated for the preaching,*

## **SERMON**

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

**THE MOST REV. MICHAEL CURRY,**  
*Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church*

*The Congregations stands.*

## NICENE CREED

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two thousand years, and*

*connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems, and sanctifies a holy people.*

*People* **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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 Congregation kneels or remains standing.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Gracious and loving God, we lift our thoughts and prayers into your resurrection light.  
We bring before you the leaders and people of your Holy Church throughout the world, especially  
Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishop Greg; for  
the people and clergy of this Ascension parish, that we who are touched by the power of the  
resurrection may rejoice in the face of your glory.  
For Christ is risen,  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Intercessor* We bring before you the leaders of our nation and all nations, praying that they may lead us in the  
paths of justice and peace.  
For Christ is risen,  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Intercessor* We bring before you our planet and its creatures, and we rejoice in the renewal of life this spring, praying for the protection this blessed Earth,  
For Christ is risen,

*People* **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Intercessor* We bring before you the frail and the dying, and all who suffer from illness or injury or mental distress, especially all those affected by the COVID-19 virus; all whose lives are disrupted by racism and oppression, all whose lives are marred by poverty, ignorance, ill will, or natural disaster. That your joy be known throughout your world.

For Christ is risen,

*People* **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Please type names or prayers into the chat area.*

*Intercessor* We bring before you all who have been touched by death, especially those who have died as a result of the COVID pandemic; that you may grant peace to the dead and comfort to the grieving in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, especially for those we now name who have entered into your glory.

For Christ is risen,

*People* **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Intercessor* We bring before you our thankful hearts, especially for glimpses of resurrection in our own lives, for healing and new life in our community.

For Christ is risen,

*People* **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Officiant* God of grace and glory, accept the prayers of all your people, including these prayers coming to us now over our livestream connection....

May the power of your risen life triumph in our hearts and minds, that we may seek you, know you, and serve you throughout our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior, whose resurrection lives on through us.

*People* **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY**     *The Strife Is O'er*

*arr. Gordon Young ©1978, Hope Publishing Co.*

*The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People* **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.**

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**We are the gathered body of Christ walking in this world in Love.**

**We are the miracle of Love made Flesh.**

## **BLESSING**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Rector*     Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, to love and serve!

*All*         **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**     *Christ the Lord Is Risen*

*arr. John Bertalot ©1993, Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken every chain! Now through all the world  
it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings. Alleluia! Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed,  
Christ, today your people feed. Alleluia!*



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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