

Bulletin ~ April 19, 2020

*Welcome to our service of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome, we are glad that you are here. The people are invited to join in everything that is in **BOLD** type, while the Celebrant will speak the plain type.*

The people stand.

Entrance Hymn ~ #400 What Wondrous Love is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with us.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

There is one body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God, the Source of all being.

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in Excelcis Deo, Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,

the strength of those who believe

and the hope of those who doubt,

may we, who have not seen, have faith

and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The people sit.

A Reading from 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed 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, ⁴ and into an

inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, ^[a] even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ 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. ⁸ Although you have not seen ^[b] 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Psalm 16

*The reader will read the light print, while the people will read the **bold**.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
I have said to the Holy One, "You are my God,
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 God, 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 my God who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 **I have set you always before me;*
because you are 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.

Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,
and to the Spirit, indwelling:*

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Gradual

The people stand.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

May Christ be with you:

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel according to John:

Glory to you O Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ: **Praise to you O Christ**

The people sit.

Sermon

Creed

We stand together to affirm our faith:

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Today we pray with Thomas – help me to believe, help my unbelief...

Ever present God hear our prayer For your mercy is great!

As Thomas we voice our doubts, our prayers asking to see and know the presence of God. May we see the signs of your compassion and mercy in our world! During these days of Covid 19 we thank you for the many people who are working while others are staying home. For the well being of all and to all those at work and home who are helping and reaching out in many ways...

Ever present God hear our prayers. For your mercy is great!

Like Thomas we find ourselves, with many others, wandering, wondering, alone, with questions or doubts, struggling with unbelief. Help us to find our way home ...

Ever present God, hear our prayer. For your mercy is great!

As Thomas we need to stand in your healing presence! So we pray for those who can not see and touch! We pray that you send your healing touch to all those needing strength, comfort, hope and healing. May we be agents of your compassion...

Ever present God hear our prayers. For your mercy is great!

Like Thomas we search for answers, seeking, finding refuge in God's loving presence. May we have open doors and be a presence! We pray for family, friends, and homes of all kinds... for all holy houses of prayer. We pray for all those seeking refuge and pray for the on-line presence of the church in this time of self isolation, doubt and fear....

Ever present God hear our prayers. For your mercy is great!

As with Thomas, St. Barnabas and all the saints of every kind we remember all the faithful who have gone on before us. Who have not seen him but love him... have shown the deep love of Jesus in faith and action!

Ever present God hear our prayers. For your mercy is great!

Ever present God we thank you for your compassion towards Thomas and the many who have found themselves in the same place! We too seek refuge in your holy presence and ask in your great mercy hear our prayers. Amen!

The people stand.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ~ #402 Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

During the offertory hymn we bring to the altar our gifts of bread and wine, and our financial offerings.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you gracious God, . . .

... to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

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

We give thanks to you. . .

. . . Therefore Creator according to your command,:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

And we offer our sacrifice , , , ,

Now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The Table is ready and all are welcome

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Let us pray:

Creator God,

we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands

the bread of life.

Strengthen our faith

that we may grow in love for you and for each other;

through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Community Announcements

Blessing

May the light of God illumine your hearts.

May the flame of Christ kindle your love.

May the fire of the Spirit free you to live boldly.

And the blessing of holy and undivided Trinity:

Source of all being, Word of redemption and Spirit of wisdom,

be with you all, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ #82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

[Refrain:]

Halleluya! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread;

I am wine, I am bread,

give to all who thirst and hunger. [Refrain]

2 Now he sends us all out,

strong in faith, free of doubt;

strong in faith, free of doubt,

tell to all the joyful Gospel. [Refrain]

Dismissal

Go forth in peace and love, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

With thanks to today's team:

Presider: Emilie Smith

Musician: Patti Powell

Prayers: Bruce Alexander read by Martha Cameron

Reader: Shannon Payne