

Mission Statement

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

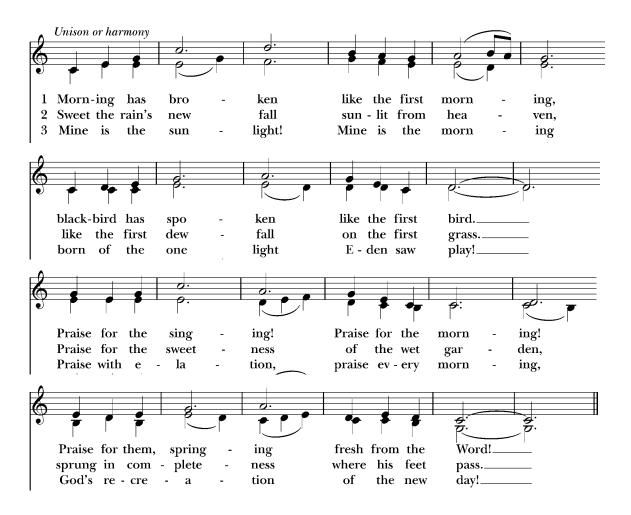
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The Word of God

Entrance Rite



OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

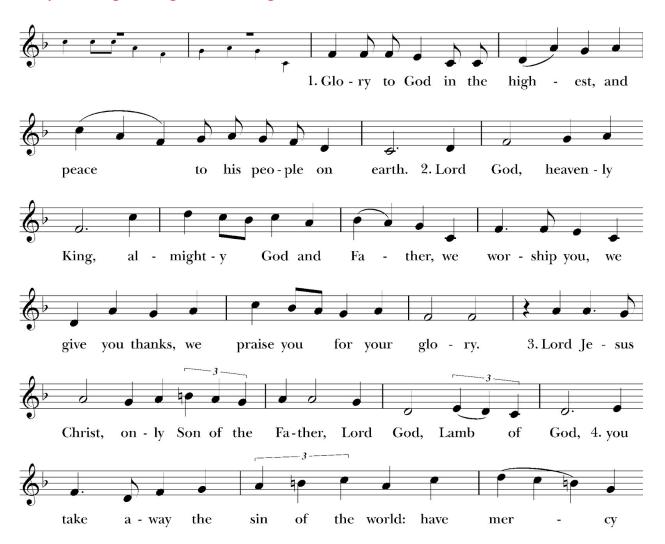
COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

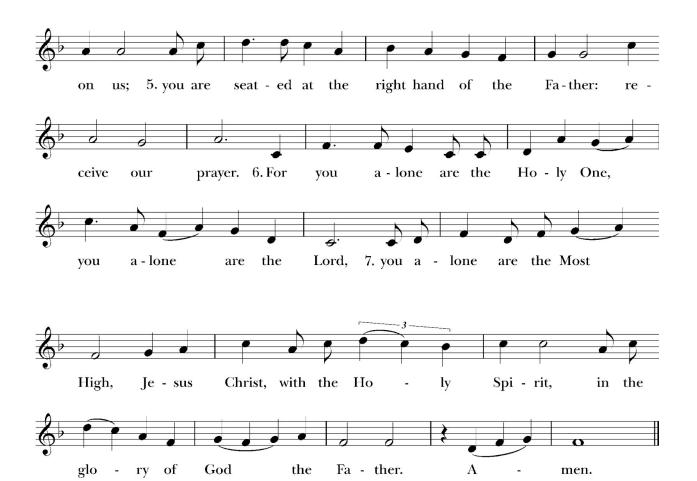
The Celebrant and People pray:

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. *Amen*.

SONG OF PRAISE

The following is sung, all standing





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant God 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. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32 Michael Proscia

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁷When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "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." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

Remain seated. We will read the psalm responsively.

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my defense: and has become my deliverer.

¹⁵There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous:

the right hand of the Lord does mighty things.

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord raises up: the right hand of the Lord does mighty things.

¹⁷I shall not die but live: and proclaim what the Lord has done.

¹⁸The Lord indeed has punished me: but did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of the temple:

that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord: through which the righteous shall enter.

- ²¹I will thank you because you have answered me: and you have become my deliverer.
- ²²The stone which the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.
- ²³This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8 Richard Pfleger

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

⁴John 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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! 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. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN-OPEN MY HEART -Music By Heart- Hernandez

Melody:



Harmony:



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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), 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 that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

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 (BCP p. 359)

Val Valverde

All remain standing.

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, "You are our God; and we thank you."

Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry 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.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

Ruler of the kings of the earth, Lord Jesus, your word is a word of peace: speak forth salvation in a weary world.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes: give us a respect for all you have made.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses in our community, that our neighbors might come to know that you love them and have freed them from the power of sin.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

O Lord, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn. Today we pray for:

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

Alpha and Omega, you do not hand your beloved ones over to death, but promise life eternal to all those baptized into your Son: to you be glory and dominion forever.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

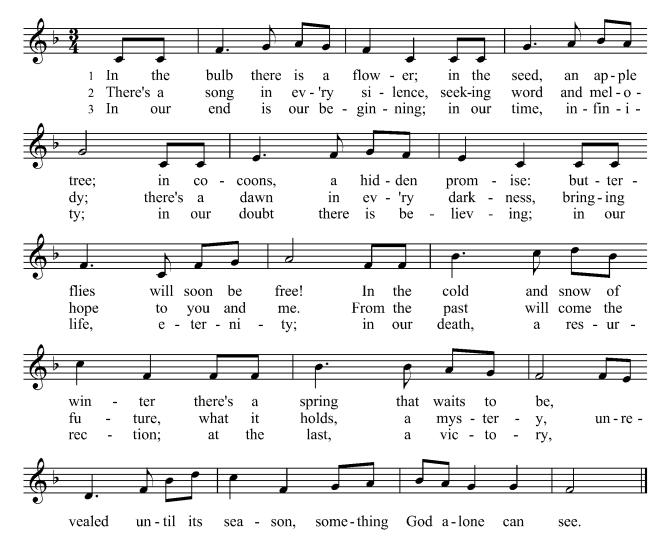
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN In the bulb there is a flower (Promise) (MHSO 86)



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

For the Second Sunday in Easter, we are praying the Eucharistic Prayer from the Church of New Zealand, a sister province in the Anglican Communion. We do so in order to join with our siblings in Christ in celebration of Easter.

You are invited to stand or kneel.

The presiding priest says or sings

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

People: God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

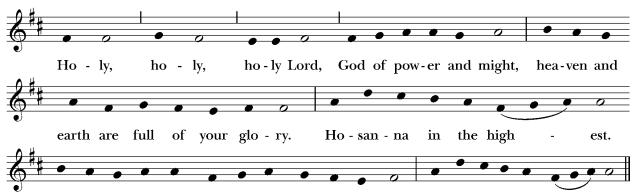
In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. In the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave. His death has broken death and opened for us the new and living way. Christ is now our peace, our freedom and our joy. In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

People: Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

SANCTUS S 124 Holy, holy, holy (Hurd) (BCP p. 371)

Celebrant and People



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed,

took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup;

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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me. Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death

of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

People: Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

EPICLESIS

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, God, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love,

confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

ALL: Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us we 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 forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We will be sharing communion in both kinds today via intinction by the Eucharistic Minister. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the host (bread wafer) for you and place it in your hands

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together (LEVAS 152)





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

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;

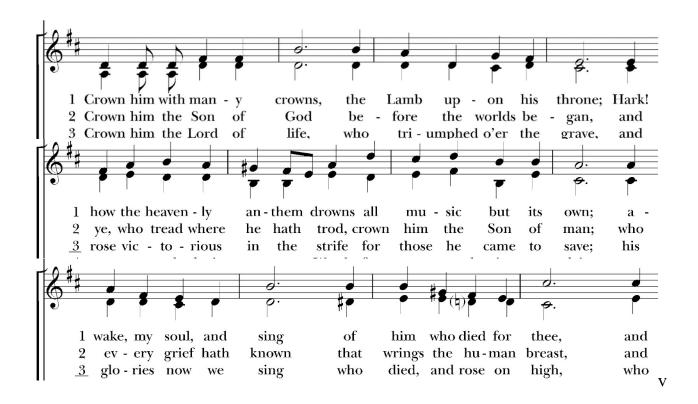
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Crown him with many crowns (Diademata) (H 494) Verses 1-3 only



DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Assisting with the service today

Readers Michael Proscia and Richard Pfleger

Prayers of the People Val Valverde
Coordinator Michael Proscia
Church Administrator Terry Glover

Vestry Members: Father Tim Black, Priest in Charge

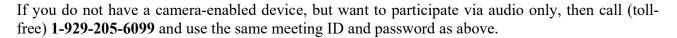
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