

Order of Worship + April 19, 2020  
Second Sunday of Easter

**Prelude: Trumpet Tune in C – Easter Hymn; Setting by James Biery**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please take a few moments for silent reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Announcement of God's Forgiveness**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LBW #139, vss. 1-4**

**139 O Sons and Daughters of the King**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the  
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the  
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will  
A - mong them came their mas - ter dear, And said, "My

grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Salutation**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Living God, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Lesson:**

**Acts 5:29-42**

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup> Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. <sup>36</sup> Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. <sup>37</sup> After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. <sup>39</sup> But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

<sup>40</sup> His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

<sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Praying the Psalms:

### Psalm 148

*Prayed responsively, with the congregation speaking the verses in bold.*

L: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

C: **and he established them for ever and ever - he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

C: **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

L: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

L: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

C: **young men and women, old men and children.**

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

C: **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement****John 20:19-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Kyle Jones**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Ken Nelson**

132 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing

God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
 Nei - ther could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 From his light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, Hold him as a mor - tal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry  
To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
Of the tomb's dark portal.

Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness!

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*Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547*

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**A:** Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

**A:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation.

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**



We pray for your church throughout the world, that you would keep us steadfast in your holy Word and so strengthen our faith, that we might live to the praise of your glory, and fear, love and trust in you above all else.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the gift of new life, and especially we praise you for the gift of Elijah Huettl, son of Nick and Alecia and brother to Meredith, Ben and Emily. Please bless the Huettl family in this time of great joy, and continue to bring swift healing to Alecia.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the promised gift of your Spirit who continues to bring us your forgiveness, and who steadies us when our faith is tested and grows dim. Reign in us by your Spirit and fill us with the fruits of your resurrected life.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who labor to protect us, especially for our government, armed forces, health care workers, police officers, firefighters and all first responders. Uphold them by your mighty power, that they may carry out their work with zeal and courage.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you are the Great Physician who tends to our every ill. We pray that you would strengthen your church to bring healing and comfort to those who suffer in body or mind, and especially we

remember before you Kay Marshall, and those we name before you now....

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

### **Peace of Christ**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

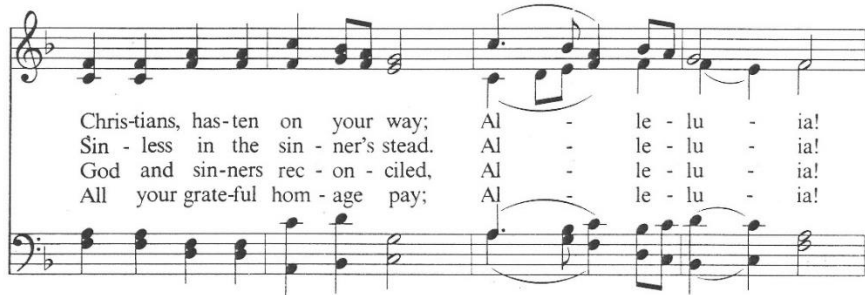
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

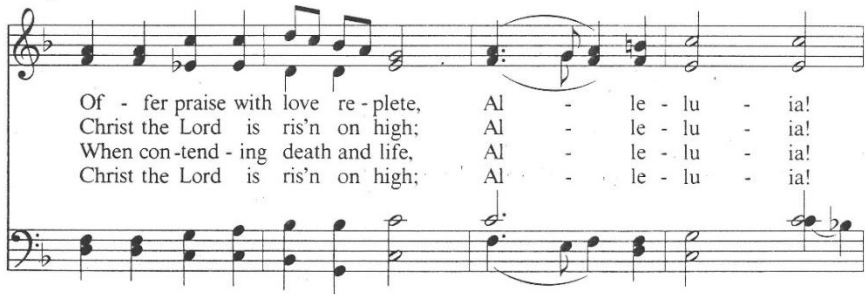
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! 128



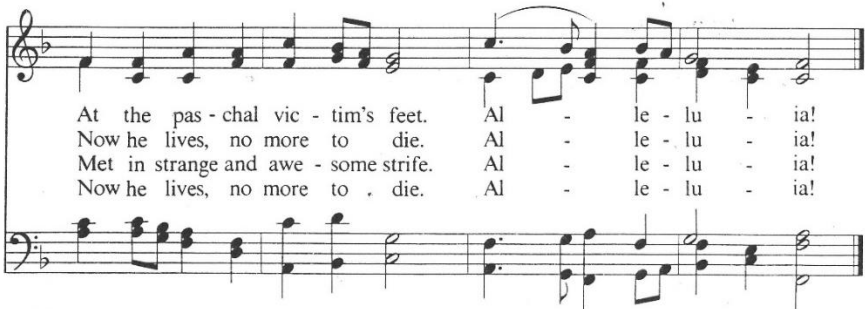
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has-ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin-ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All your grate-ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 When con-tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Dismissal**

- A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:**

***Trumpet Processional in D; Martha Sobaje***

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