



Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday of Easter ☩ 19 April 2020

Prelude

Hymn 193 "That Easter Day"

1. That Easter day with joy was bright:
the sun shone out with fairer light
when to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.
2. His risen flesh with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
3. O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.
4. O Lord of all, with us abide
in this, our joyful Easter-tide;
from ev'ry weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield.

Officiant: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Officiant Lord, open our lips. [page 80]

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

Canticle: Pascha Nostrum *spoken* [page 83]

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven
of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity
and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin,
once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits
of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection
of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
Alleluia.

The Psalter: Psalm 16 *read in unison* [page 599]

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
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 Lord, 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 the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is 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 the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.

First Lesson *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection

of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.” *The Word of the Lord. [Thanks be to God.]*

Canticle: First Song of Isaiah *spoken*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold

and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord

and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that

his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,

for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you

is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson *John 20:19-31*

A Reading from the Gospel of John. 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 Word of the Lord. [Thanks be to God.]*

Canticle: Song of the Redeemed *spoken*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
 great deeds are they that you have done, *
 surpassing human understanding.
 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
 O King of all the ages.
 Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
 and sing the praises of your Name? *
 for you only are the holy One.
 All nations will draw near and
 fall down before you, *
 because your just and holy works
 have been revealed.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.

Homily

The Apostles Creed

[page 96]

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 to the dead.
 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,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Leader: Save your people, Lord, [page 98]
 and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Leader: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your Name for ever.

Leader: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Leader: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Officiant then offers the Collects (prayers), beginning with the Collect of the Day.

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.*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, especially those afflicted by the coronavirus, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that all those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Hymn 182 "Christ is Alive!"

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.
3. Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow, concluded by all joining in The General Thanksgiving:

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light *rises* up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what *you would* have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in *your* light we may see light, and in *your* straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, bless all who long for the sacrament healing this day. May our heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's great mercy, may your sins be forgiven, may you be relieved from suffering and restored to wholeness and strength. May God deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Together, let us pray the General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, [page 101]
Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness
of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us
bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be
with us all evermore. *Amen.*
2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn 212 “Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice”

1. Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,
and on his praises dwell.
2. Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Savior greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet,
3. those hands of liberal love indeed
in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed
for millions and for me.
4. His enemies had sealed the stone
as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone
he should their skill deceive.
5. O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
by seraphim adored!

O Solitude again command
your host from heaven restored!

Postlude



On Sundays our custom is to receive the gifts
of the people for the support of the church
and its mission in the world. Please mail your
gifts to **The Church of the Messiah, P. O.
Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.**

It is customary to omit the Confession in order
to emphasize the joy of the Easter season.
The praise-shout of Alleluia is added to our
liturgy during these Fifty Days.

We have established a telephone Care Team to
check in with parishioners. We also have a crew
which will run errands for anyone for whom
such a service is needed. To be on the call list,
please speak to Judy Milone or the Vicar. To
request an errand, speak with the Vicar.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*When we are unable to receive the Bread and Wine of
the Holy Sacrament because of extreme sickness,
physical disability, or, as in our present cause, the
suspension of public worship to prevent the spread of
infection, we can be assured that all the benefits of
Communion are received. The following prayer may be
said.*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every
altar of your Church where your blessed Body
and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to
offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that
you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.
And since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually
into my heart. I unite myself to you, and
embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let me never be separated from you. Let me live
and die in your abiding love. Amen.

*A fuller expression of Spiritual Communion may be
found at www.messiahmb.org under the “Library” tab.*