

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Service

April 11, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

L: 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.**

L: Let us pray:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 4: 32--35

Pg. 1697

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 133

Pg. 970

PS 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

PS 133:2 **It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,**

PS 133:2 running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

PS 133:3 **It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

Second Reading:

1 John 1: 1—2:1

Pg. 1898

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19--31

Pg. 1686

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come 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***

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life: creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming freedom from captivity, becoming the song of your people.

Your Word is made flesh among us: with Mary in the garden, you call us by name. With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe. With sheep of others folds, we are gathered by your voice. Your Word names our death and our life: a seed that falls into the earth and dies, rain and snow that come down from heaven to water the earth,

a vine in which we abide. Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things. Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to understand the scriptures. Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning the word of life. Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action.

With every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth, we join in the hymn of all creation, giving thanks to you and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 376

"Thine is the Glory" st. 3

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude