

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The word “peace” is central for God’s people to hear time and again as part of worship. The peace of the Lord is exchanged between pastor and congregation and often also spoken among the people of the congregation. It is the last word in the Benediction and is therefore the most frequently used word to close the service. It is our blessing to hear that word of peace from our Lord once again today.

PRELUDE

✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (vv.1,2,4,5)

1 **Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke
 Jacob’s sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
 Through the Red Sea waters.**

2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.

4 For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

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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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: whose mercy has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Pastor: Without having seen Him

People: we love Him and we believe in Him,

Pastor: receiving the outcome of our faith,

People: the salvation of our souls.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We gather in the presence of our Lord as His redeemed people. Knowing God's grace to us in Christ has made us even more aware of our sinfulness and our unworthiness to be in His presence. We make confession of our sins, trusting in His promise of forgiveness.

People: Father in heaven, we confess to You our sinfulness and our unworthiness to be in your presence. We have sinned by disobeying You and Your will for our lives. We confess also our failure to accomplish the good You desire for our lives. Grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake and with Your Spirit renew us to live our lives in praise and glory to You.

Pastor: Know this: God has heard your prayer for forgiveness and His answer to you in Christ Jesus is the forgiveness of all your sins. That your hearts may be at peace, hear now the Lord's Word to you; upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

478 The Day of Resurrection (vv. 3-4)

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29–42

(The first Christians proclaim the Good News.)

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Then he addressed them: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

⁴⁰ 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.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² 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 Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1. *Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing.
"God is our eternal King." (Refrain)*
2. *Men and women, young and old,
Raise the anthem manifold:
Join with children's songs of praise,
Worship God through length of days. (Refrain)*
3. *Praise God, all you hosts above,
Ever shining forth in love;
Sun and moon, uplift your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice! (Refrain)*
4. *From the north to southern pole
Let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, holy, holy One,
Glory be to God alone!" (Refrain)*

(We have new hope through the resurrection of Christ.)

³ 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, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, ⁵ 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. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

- 1 *I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
 Trusting only Thee;
 Trusting Thee for full salvation,
 Great and free.*

- 2 *I am trusting Thee for pardon;
 At Thy feet I bow,
 For Thy grace and tender mercy
 Trusting now.*

- 3 *I am trusting Thee for cleansing
 In the crimson flood;
 Trusting Thee to make me holy
 By Thy blood.*

- 4 *I am trusting Thee to guide me;
 Thou alone shalt lead,
 Ev'ry day and hour supplying
 All my need.*

- 5 *I am trusting Thee for power;
 Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
 Must prevail.*

- 6 *I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever
 And for all.*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

(Jesus appears to His disciples who are behind locked doors.)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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 it."

²⁶ 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!" ²⁷ 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."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE WORD

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King (vv.1, 5-8)

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

490 **Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

- 1** **Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!**
 Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
 From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

- 2** **Jesus lives! To Him the throne**
 High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
 Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

- 3** **Jesus lives! For me He died,**
 Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
 Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

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4 **Jesus lives! I know full well**
 Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
 Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 **Jesus lives! And now is death**
 But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
 When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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POSTLUDE

“Festival Toccata in C Major”

Percy E. Fletcher

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Acts 2:14a. 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

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