

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

DIVINE SERVICE

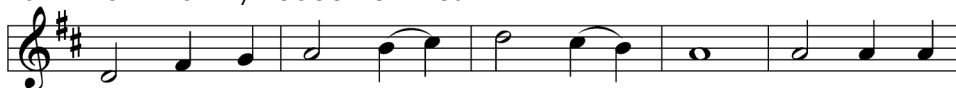
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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Welcome

Opening Hymn

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

From Psalm 25

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C O my God, in you I trust;

P Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

C Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

P Remember your mercy, O LORD,

C and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

P Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

C Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

P Guard my soul, and deliver me.

C Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over him.

P So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin

C And alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Catechetical Instruction

- P** What is the Lord's Prayer?
C **The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples when they asked him how to pray.**
- P** How does the Lord's Prayer begin?
C **It addresses our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as "Our Father, Who art in heaven"**
- P** Why do we refer to God as "Our Father?"
C **Jesus, the true Son of God, has released us from the power of sin and death. We have thus been adopted into the kingdom of heaven as children of God.**
- P** Where does the Bible teach this?
C **St. John the evangelist, in his first letter to the churches under his care, says this, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."**
- P** What does Jesus teach us about our Father in heaven?
C **In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus shows us the nature of our Father. No matter how far we have wandered, and no matter how we have wasted our inheritance, he is always ready to forgive and welcome us home.**
- P** What does it mean that our Father is "in heaven?"
C **Our fathers on earth, as dear as they may be, are limited by their own abilities and the sin within their hearts. Our Father in heaven has no limit in His love for us or His power to save us.**

First Reading

Acts 5:12–20

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Revelation 1:4-18

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 kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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."

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying,

“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn of Preparation

904 Blessed Jesus at Your Word

I Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



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

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!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

(We ask ALL members and visitors to take a card, fill out the appropriate Member or Visitor side and mark if you are attending Communion if this is a Communion Service. You may place your completed card in the offering plate.)

Stand

Offertory

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
Thou hast con-quired in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.

Lord's Prayer

- G** 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.

Concluding Collect

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily, that we would enjoy the bliss of heaven, and that on the Last Day we would be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** 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.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn

480 He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;

2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry

3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;

△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.

The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.

And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.

Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.

Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song

In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,

The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;

For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;

Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.

For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.

He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.

Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.

With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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Silent Prayer

Announcements

(NOTE: With the beginning of the organ postlude the Congregation is free to exit the Sanctuary.)



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