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Second Sunday of Easter

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Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Liturgy of the Word

*A warm welcome to all this Sunday Morning! Our
worship is guided using the Book of Common Prayer
and Enriching Our Worship.*

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

Prelude: Musical Selection

Welcome Announcement

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The canticle Christ Our Passover is said as indicated below

Presider Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

People **Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, ***
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Presider Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

People **The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

Presider So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

People **Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

Presider For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

People **For as in Adam all die, *
 so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 224

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them

and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *

when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *

that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *

and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *

that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *

life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, 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—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Selection

The people stand as they are able.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews

There will be a period of reflection and silence after the sermon. The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Please respond to the bidding, "Show us the Path, Lord." with "**That we may follow it faithfully.**" The Presider says a collect, and the prayers continue with*

The Peace

Offertory Sentence

A Prayer Conspicuously Placed in Absence of The Great Thanksgiving during the Great Pandemic

The Presider begins

Let us pray.

Lord, you have taught us to seek you and to find you in the bread and the wine of your table ... And so we lament:

All say

**Turn to me and have mercy,
for I am lonely and oppressed.**

**Hear my prayer and my cry;
be not silent at my tears.**

The Presider continues

For surely, Lord, we are not alone ... Our flesh is now yours, shaped for these days in which we are living.

Nourished by Christ,
**teach us also to be broken with Christ
and shared with this hungry world.**

Soften our hearts and strengthen our resolve ... one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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