



Mobile, Alabama
Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.

Prelude

Paul Benoit, OSB
(1893-1979)

Élévation

Introit

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.

Psalm 16:8

The Word of God

Easter Proclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening Hymn

O sons and daughters, let us sing!

O filii et filiae
Hymnal 206

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!
That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!
When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God." he cried. Alleluia!
How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify you holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Hymn to Joy

Hymnal 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee v. 1
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 222

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

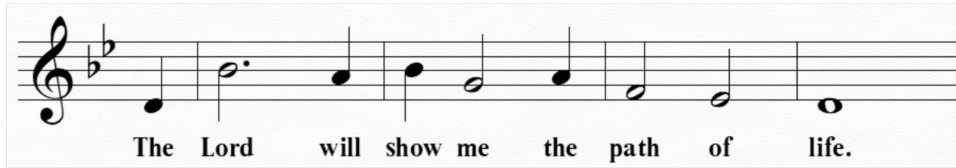
Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain: The Lord will show me the path of life.



- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We walk by faith and not by sight
We walk by the faith, and not by the sight;
no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as
none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod; but in his promise
we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound, to call on you when
you are near, and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light we may behold you
as you are, with full and endless sight.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

The Prayers of the People - Form IV

BCP 388

The leader and people pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Ireland.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. Simon's on-the-Sound Episcopal Church, Fort Walton Beach.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia; and Franklin Street Baptist Church, Mobile.

We pray also for Michael, our presiding bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; Lydia and Mike, our Interns; and for all ministers in the church.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in our truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; Sandy, our Mayor; and for all those who lead and hold authority in the nations of our world.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray for the birth of a daughter to Adrienne and Lewis Golden.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbricht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Donna Moree, Gaye Formanek, Mimi Hudson, Sue Epley, Bill Christian, Frances Fuller, Susannah Israel, Karen Parker, Paul Wood and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Northwest Florida Reception Center & Annex, Chipley.

We also remember in our prayers those who are serving in the armed forces of our country, and most especially for those on the Cathedral Military Prayer List.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray for the repose of the soul of Norman Pharr.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catharine Campbell Thurber and Chadwick Burton Clark.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Solo

Laudate Dominum

Mollie A. Adams, soprano

W. A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
Praise him, all you peoples.
For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever,
World without end. Amen

adapt. Psalm 116

The Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori
(1696-1787)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro
Hymnal 182

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.

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.
Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, through ever crucified.

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.

Dismissal

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke
(1674-1707)



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant..... The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
 Lay Reader..... Carolyn S. Jeffers
 Organist Christopher W. Powell
 Soloist..... Mollie A. Adams
 Altar Guild..... Barbara Archer
 Flower Guild..... Janet Rich Pittman



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