

POP COMMUNITY WORSHIP

April 19th Second Sunday of Easter



Organ Prelude

Johann Sabastian Bach

“Christ Lay in Deaths Bands”

(1st verse)

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
for our offenses given;
but now at God's right hand he stands
and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Welcome

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Praise the God and the father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

He gave us new life and hop by raising Jesus from death!

Rejoice then even in your distress!

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears!

God has claimed us as His own!

He has called us from darkness into His marvelous light!

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Gathering Hymn “Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain” Gaudeus Pariter

1. Come you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharoah'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 the light to whom we give laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!

4. Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold you as a mortal:
But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
Your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

5. Alleluia! Now we cry to our Lord immortal,
Who triumphant burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia! with the Son God the Father praising;
Alleluia! Yet again to the Spirit raising.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Hymn of Praise



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich - es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless- ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: 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—²³this 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. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For 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; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"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. ³⁰Since 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. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16

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.”

**²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

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 God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

³Blessed 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, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls

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Gospel Acclamation Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. (*sing twice*)

Gospel: John 20.19-31

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Saint John the twentieth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." 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 come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon Sermon

Bishop James Hazelwood

Hymn of the Day "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" O Filli Et Filiae

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing
With heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

4. That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God" he cried. Alleluia!

8. How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

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

After final Stanza

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father 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,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God
in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different
ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish
our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience
over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have
made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offering

Offertory hymn “The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing”

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; The feast is ready to begin.

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.

The gates of heaven open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside. **Ref.**

2. Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.

He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. **Ref.**

3. The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.

Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. **Ref.**

Offertory Canticle



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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,
The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
Raise you to new life and fill you with hope,
And turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sending Hymn “The Risen Christ”

1. The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
From garden tomb through darkened city street,
Unlocks the door of grief, despair and fear,
And speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
2. The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
Breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
Whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
New brace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
3. The risen Christ, who breaks wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their ling’ring tears,
Enflames their hearts then quickly disappears
4. May we Christ’s body, walk & serve & stand.
with those oppressed in this and ev’ry land.
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
Restored in Christ to true humanity.

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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