



PRINCE OF PEACE

# Dare to live as One!

## *Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

The Sunday after Easter brings the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples and breathing the Holy Spirit on them. The reading from Acts of the Apostles points to the power of being together, of finding fellowship in the presence of Jesus and the presence of the community. What does it take to live together?

**Call to Worship:** This is the call!

Shake off the dust that has been gathering underfoot.

**We lift up our heads to meet the day.**

Raise your hands in grateful praise.

**We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**

If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of determination and set out anyway.

**For we are called to live again!**

### **Greeting**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### **Prayer**

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation! You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Come with us, dazzle us with your brilliance, move us to wakefulness –so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Time for Confession and Forgiveness**

We confess this day that we have been slow to join with Jesus in the dance that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all. ‘

In silence, let us lift up our prayers of confession... *(a time of silence)*

Hear this good news!

God has loved you from the very beginning.

The invitation of Christ is never-ending:

New life in Christ is yours right now.

The Holy Spirit is transforming you and

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

## Prayer of the day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

This we ask in your name.

**Amen.**

## The Word

### Children's Moment

### First Reading: Acts 4.32-35

<sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm 133

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is

**When kindred live together in unity!**

<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

**on the beard of Aaron,**

**running down over the collar of his robes.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,**

**life forevermore.**

## **Gospel Greeting** (*sing it out!*):

**Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah!  
Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Hallelujah, halle-lujah!**

## **Gospel John 20:19-31**

<sup>9</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

The gospel of the Lord!

(*Gospel response, sing it out!*)

**Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah!  
Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Hallelujah, halle-lujah!**

## **Message**

**Hymn of the Day: “Thine Is the Glory”** 376 Edmond Budry 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939; Music Frideric Handel, 1685-1759 Judas Maccabaeus 55656565 and refrain

1. Thine is the glory, risen,  
conquering Son  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
Where thy Body lay. *Ref.*

2. Lo Jesus meets thee,  
Risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
Scatters fear and gloom  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing  
for the Lord now liveth  
death hath lost its sting! *Ref.*

3. No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee  
Aid us in our strife  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love  
bring us safe through Jordan  
To thy home above. *Ref.*

***Refrain:***

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

**Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Peace Announcements

### Prayers of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*(A brief moment of silence )*

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the way of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your weeping into dancing.

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Bless you, now and forever..

**Amen!**

# Sending Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

377 Herbert Brokering, b.1926 David Johnson, 1922-1987 Earth and All Stars 45 10 45 and refrain: text Copyright 1995 Augsburg Fortress; Music 1969 contemporary worship 1, admin. Augsburg Fortress

1. Al-le-lu-ia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Ref.*

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Ref.*

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Ref.*

4. Weeping be gone; sorrow be silent death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light! *Ref.*

5. City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Ref.*

*Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Al-le-lu—ia!

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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