

Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
=== Morning Prayer ===
The Second Sunday of Easter: April 11, 2021
The Season of Easter
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

Opening Hymn – Gather #472, "Church of God," v. 2 & 7

Refrain:

Church of God, chosen people,
sing your praise to God.
He has called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

Verse 2:

The church is built with living stones
with Christ as cornerstone.
In him we trust who makes us one,
uniting us in love.
We build on the rock of faith in Christ.
(to Refrain)

Verse 7:

The light of Christ has come to us
dispelling all our fears.
His light reveals the path of life.
We follow him with joy,
the glory of God, the light of the world.
(to Refrain)

Officiant Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All ***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.***

Priest 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.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
Response ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

All ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Psalm *Psalm 133 Ecce, quam bonum!*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!*

*It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,*

*Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.*

*For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The New Testament – Acts 4:32-35

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

The Epistle – 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

***Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

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

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The Gospel – John 20:19-31

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Response *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.

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

Response *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

A Reflection – Rev. Lois

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es* *Revelation 4:11;5:9-10,13*

A Reader leads the canticle recitation

Reader and People together.

*Splendor and honor and kingly power **
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
*For you created everything that is, **
and by your will they were created and have their being;

*And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, **
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
*From every family, language, people, and nation, **
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

*And so, to him who sits upon the throne, **
and to Christ the Lamb,
*Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, **
for ever and for evermore.

The Apostles' Creed

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
We 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 to the dead.
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.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Response *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

All *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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

Suffrage B

A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Doxology

*All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Reader: Gracious God, you are faithful and just. Through the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have given great grace to us all. You call us to share the word of eternal life with others so that our joy may be complete. Light the way for us as we seek to live in fellowship with Christ. May our offerings to Christ the Lord Church reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: 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.*

A Prayer Commemorating Saint Thomas

Reader: Eternal God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Reader: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,*

*not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [KRIS-us-tum]

Reader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn – Gather #414, “We Walk By Faith,” v. 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1:

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

Verse 2:

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

Verse 4:

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

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Announcements

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!
Check your email from Sandy for details.