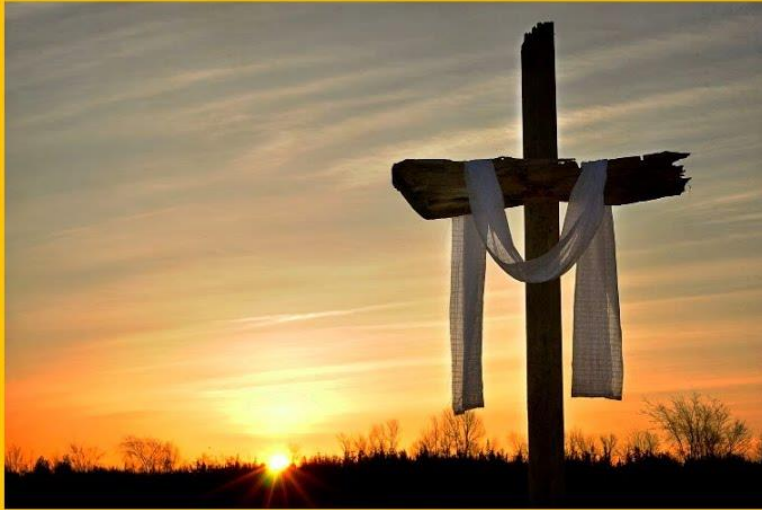


# 2<sup>nd</sup> *Sunday of Easter*



## April 11, 2021

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*Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt] (portions)*

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P. Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## Gathering Hymn

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

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## Greeting

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

**C. And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Glory to God*

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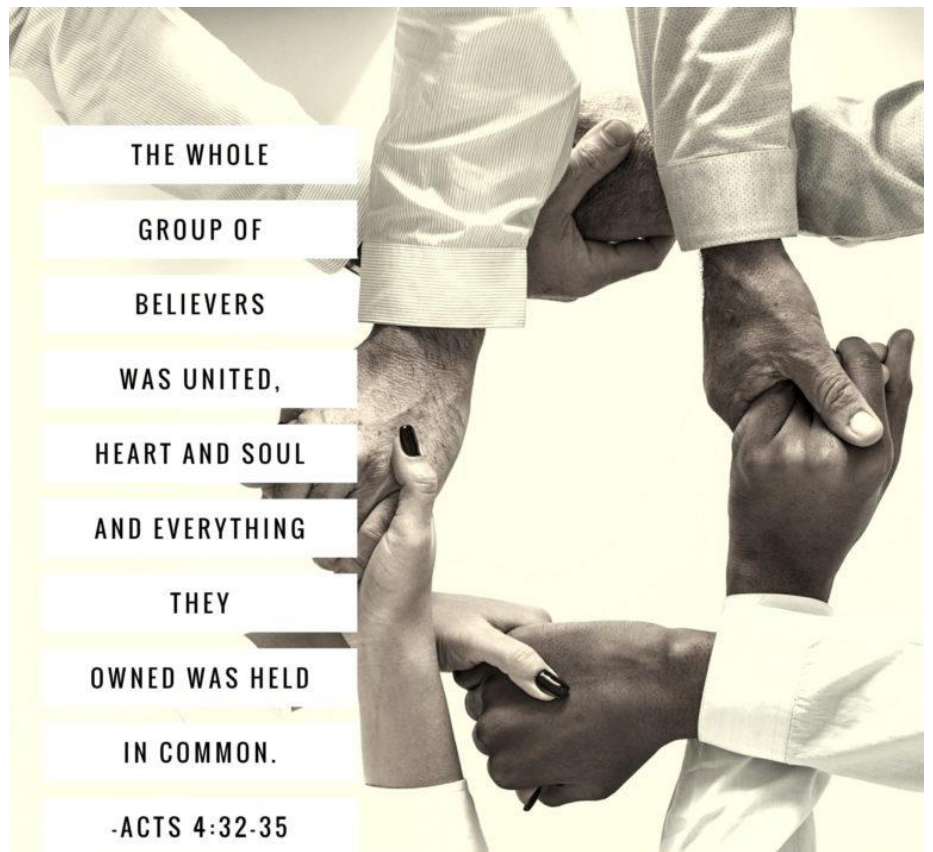
## Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

**C. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

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.



P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God

## Psalmody

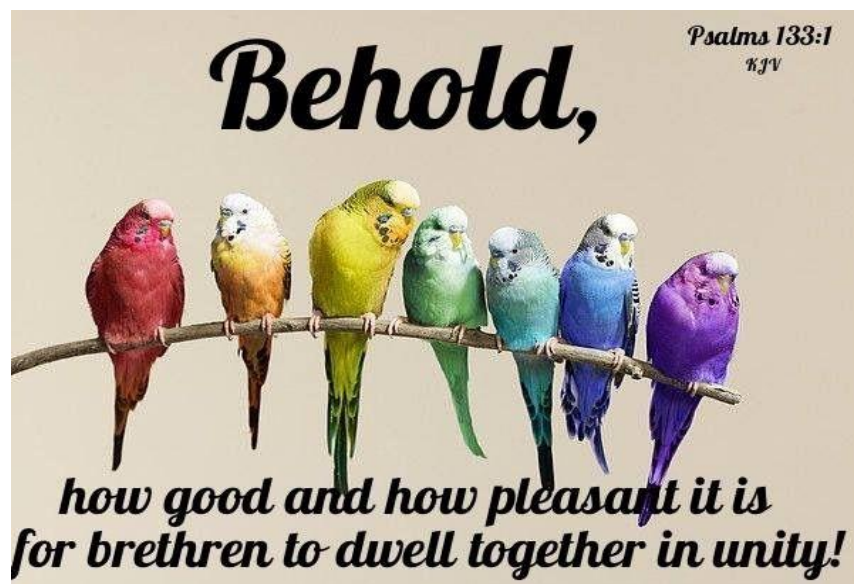
Psalm 133

spoken responsively

How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.



## Second Reading

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.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

P. The holy gospel according to Saint John, chapter twenty.



C: **Glo - ry, glo - ry to you, O Lord. Al - le - lu - ia.**

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of several measures of music, including quarter notes, eighth notes, and a half note, ending with a double bar line.





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.

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.





- P.** We are here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who restored the sick to health, and Who Himself suffered for our sake. He is present among us still to heal and to make whole. We entrust those who are sick from our Lord of Life community of faith to the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the Lord may ease their pain and despair and grant them improved and continued health along with renewed life here and eternal salvation.

*Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:14-16)*

- P.** I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, asking Him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of His love.

I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

- P.** Let us bow our hearts in prayer.

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom we have health and salvation.

Help us by Your Holy Spirit to feel Your power in our lives, to know Your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**

# The 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



## Prayers of Intercession

**P.** 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 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.

**C.** Your mercy is great.

**P.** 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.

**C.** Amen.

## The Peace

**P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

**C.** And also with you.



# The LORD'S Prayer

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen*

## Benedictus

*Leader*  
The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Congregation*  
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to

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you. The Lord look up- on you with fa- vor and

and be gra- cious to you. The

give you peace. A - men.

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**Sending Hymn**

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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**Dismissal**

- P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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