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SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 11, 2021

PRELUDE

"THE RISEN CHRIST" ARRANGEMENT BY LANI SMITH

WELCOME / NOTES ON THE SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

"THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT"

ELW #384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## **GREETING**

L: Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

L: The grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Acts 4:32-35**

32 The community of believers was of one mind and one heart. None of them claimed anything as their own; rather, everything was held in common. 33 The apostles continued to testify with great power to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and they were all given great respect; 34 nor was anyone needy among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them 35 and give the money to the apostles. It was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM 133**

1 See how good, how pleasant it is  
for God's people to live together as one!

2 It is like precious oil on Aaron's head running down on his beard,  
running down to the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Mount "Hermon,  
falling on the hills of Zion.

For that is where YHWH bestows the blessing— life that never ends.

Gospel Acclamation  
*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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## GOSPEL

## John 20:19-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twentieth Chapter.

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you."

After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!"

Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound."

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!" Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' Name.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O 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 grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

**3** The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

**4** May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with those oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.

**1** Cristo resucitado, que camina sobre los pies heridos desde la tumba  
del jardín a través de la oscura calle de la ciudad, abre la puerta del  
dolor, la desesperación y el miedo, y habla una palabra de paz a  
todos los que escuchan.

**2** Cristo resucitado, que está con el lado herido, exhala su Espíritu  
sobre ellos para acatar quién sigue vacilando la fe, que no se atreven  
a creer; nueva gracia, nueva fuerza, nuevo propósito que reciben.

**3** Cristo resucitado, que rompe con mano herida el pan para los que  
no entienden, se revela a sí mismo, a pesar de sus lágrimas  
persistentes, inflama sus corazones, y luego desaparece rápidamente.

**4** Que nosotros, el cuerpo de Cristo, caminemos y sirvamos y estemos  
con los oprimidos en esta y cada tierra, hasta que todos sean  
bendecidos y puedan ser bendecidos, restaurados en Cristo a la  
verdadera humanidad.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together in the love of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Strengthen your church, O God, that we may all unite in prayer as well as in practical help for those who are suffering for all reasons and seeking you. We pray for courage, wisdom and guidance so that we do not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel and being bearers of hope in this challenging and uncertain time. Grant our churches and communities strength and resilience as they minister among the most vulnerable among us and in every thing they do as reflections of your love. God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Draw us to the power of the Risen Christ who brings justice here on earth. We pray for the leaders of our nation that in the midst of this global pandemic they may work together for the common good, bringing down any barriers that divide us. Help them to act swiftly to cure and heal, for restoration and hope. God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Grant peace and justice to nations and cities where there are conflicts, war or violence. Give us courage to hold accountable leaders of nations as they listen to the cries of the voiceless and protect the dignity of all people. We continue to pray for the Oromo people in Ethiopia and around the world; and others we name now... God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bring healing and restoration for those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those who are traveling and for those in any need (especially...); Move us to work from charity to justice as we serve and advocate for those who are oppressed, hungry, and victims of violence. Teach us to show radical hospitality and compassion to all no matter who they are. God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Continue to inspire us to work for racial justice. Keep our heart burning to do your will until your love and mercy overcome and eliminates all inequalities and inequities. Make this synod a community of reconciliation that loves one another and our neighbors. God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In life and in death, we are yours. We thank you for our ancestors in faith who have taught us to lament and to praise. We are especially mindful of the more than 500,000 people who have died in this country and the 2.5 million people who have died around the world from COVID-19. Bless the loved ones of those who have died with our presence and support. We remember those most dear to us whom we have entrusted to the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection of Jesus, and we name them now... God of mercy, **receive our prayer**

We commend these prayers to you, O God; we entrust to the Spirit those prayers that we cannot yet pray, trusting what the Spirit does for us, with sighs too deep for words. For all that you know that we hold, we pray in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*please pray in the language of your heart*

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 forever. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**"THE QUEEN'S PRAYER"**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

**"BLESSED BE!"**

**SENDING**

L: Go in peace -- Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**POSTLUDE**

**TOCCATA ON "CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN" BY EMMA LOU DIEMER**

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