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Second Sunday After Easter
April 19, 2020
10:00 AM

INTRODUCTION
_In today’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism._

COMMENORATION THIS WEEK
_Check the HCLC Facebook page for a live video on each commemoration day._

_El Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552;_ Sunday, April 19, 2020
_Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church_ These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

_Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109_ Tuesday, April 21, 2020
This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

_Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)_ Wednesday, April 22, 2020
This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

_Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960_ Thursday, April 23, 2020
Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.
He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

WE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

_Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness_  
by Todd Smith

Becky Morgan, piano; Jeremy Shoop, organ

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Assembly: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! 
2. The Lord of life is ris’n this day; death’s mighty stone is rolled away; 
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, 
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with accord, the life laid down, the life restored: 

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! 

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

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

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

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GREETING

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

Assembly: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Taize)

The assembly repeats the refrain continuously underneath the cantor’s verses.

Cantor: With the angels and archangels:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

With the patriarchs and prophets:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

With the Virgin Mary mother of God:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

With the Apostles and evangelists:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

With all the martyrs of Christ:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

With all who witness the Gospel of the Lord:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

With all your people of the Church throughout the world:  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32
After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God’s plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.


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.”

Reader:    Word of God, word of life.
Assembly:  Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

Reader:    As our response to the reading from Acts, we sing Psalm 16 in unison.

1Protect 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.

4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
ever 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.

7I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

8I 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 for evermore.

Reader:    Word of God, word of life.
Assembly:  Thanks be to God.
SECOND READING

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ’s resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul.

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, 4and 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. 6In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7so 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, 9for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

I “Christ the Lord is ris’n to-day!” All on earth with ang-els say;
raise your joys and tri-umphs high; sing, O heav’ns; and earth, re-ply.
John 20:19-31
The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the 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.
Assisting Minister: 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.

Assisting Minister: Open the doors we close, O God, when we don’t understand 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,

Assembly: hear our prayer.
Assisting Minister: 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,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: 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. We pray especially for those we name before you (the assembly offers names). Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: 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,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: For what else do the people of God pray?

Here, other intercessions may be offered. You are invited to add a petition out loud or pray for something in your heart. Petitions do not need to be long or thought out. Bring whatever you need to God at this time.

Assisting Minister: For all these things spoken aloud and in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Open our eyes to your good, O God. We give thanks for all charities who strive to build your kingdom here on earth. We celebrate today our new partnership with Herndon Cares and strive to help them serve our neighbors. Let us bless the Lord!

Assembly: Thanks be to God!

Assisting Minister: 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,

Assembly: hear our prayer.
Pastor: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia by Anne Krentz Organ

OFFERTORY

Tune: EASTER HYMN

Assembly: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray.
Merciful God,
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.
Feed us again at this table
for service in your name,
in the strength of the risen Christ.

Assembly: Amen.
PRAYERS OF RESURRECTION HOPE

Pastor: In this time of public health concern, we turn our prayers to God, filled with the hope of Christ’s resurrection.

Assembly:

Assisting Minister: God of love, in your resurrection we find our source of hope.

We pray for our nation and the world in this time of uncertainty. Protect the most vulnerable. Surround them with the peace your resurrection brings.

Pour out your Spirit on all people living with illness. Help them know that, through the death and resurrection of Christ, you claim them as your own. Deliver them from fear and pain.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Assembly: Refrain

Assisting Minister: God of love, in your resurrection we find our source of hope.

Amidst the despair of Holy Week, Christ took time to stop and acknowledge his sorrow. May we also allow time in our lives to acknowledge our sadness and take our grief to you.

Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Assembly: Refrain
Assisting Minister: God of love, in your resurrection we find our source of hope.

We pray for youth who have been looking forward to celebrations of graduations that have been postponed and canceled.

Be with teachers and students as they move to distance learning. Grant patience as new ways of teaching and learning are established.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Assembly: Refrain

Assisting Minister: God of love, in your resurrection we find our source of hope.

Sustain the labor of all health care workers as their work of caring for others put them at great risk.

Fill government officials with your Spirit. Help them make decisions that best serve those in need. May they do their work in a spirit of wisdom, justice, and charity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Assembly: Refrain

Pastor: Finally, let us pray the words our Savior taught us.

Assembly: 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.
SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen
¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is a-ris-en.

de ma-druga-da el do-min-go.
Bright is the dawning of the Lord’s day.

1 Fue-ron mu-jer- es al se-pul-cro. La pie-dra un
Run, faith-ful wom-en, to the grave-side. Marvel, the

2 Rise, Mag-da-len-a, from your weep-ing; Christ stands be-

3 Gath-er, dis-ci-ples, in the eve-ning: sud-den-ly

4 Thom-as, where were you on that eve-ning? “I’ll not be-

án-gel re-mo- vió; les di-jo: “Ha re-su-ci-
stone is rolled a-way! Hear from the an-gel, “He is
fore your ver-y eyes. Quick-ly re-turn to the dis-
Christ your Lord ap- pears. “Look, it is I, your wound-ed
lieve un-less I see.” Christ comes a-gain, and ev’ry

ta-do.” Y.al ir-se, les sa-lió el Se-nor.
ris-en.” Christ goes be-fore you all the way.
ci-ples; bear the good news: “He is a-live.”
Sav-ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear.”
Lord’s day: “Touch me and see; have faith in me.”
BENEDICTION

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

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen

by Luis Bojos

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