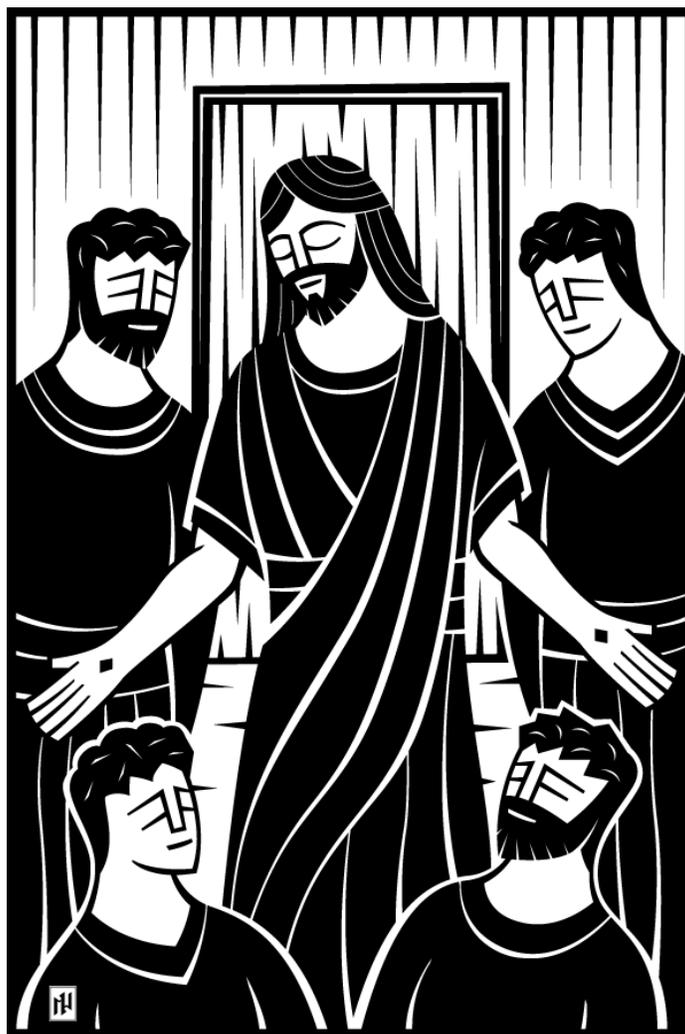


# The Second Sunday of Easter

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**TODAY'S THREAD:** *The new life that is raised up through Jesus' resurrection overcomes the world.*

### OPENING HYMN

**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain | 142**



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is  
3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el  
fly - ing From his light, to whom we give  
stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of  
Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the  
Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from  
gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the  
raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.  
watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.  
brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

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

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose

2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, And

3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, And

4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might Be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be-

*Refrain*

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.

God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia!

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

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

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 3:12-20 EHV**

*The Risen Lord Jesus continues to conquer death. His name raises up to new life.*

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this

man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

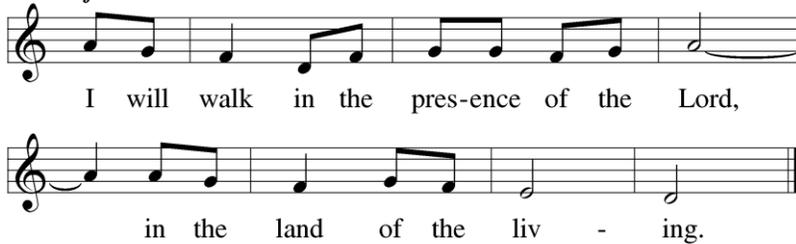
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

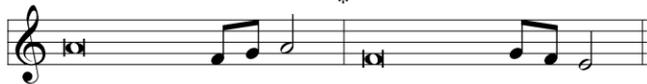
## Psalm 16

*Because Jesus' body did not decay in the grave, we walk with God in the land of the living.*

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



Keep me safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;\*  
apart from you I have no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always before me.\*  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

### Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*  
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;\*  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

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

### Refrain

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## SECOND LESSON

## 1 John 5:1-6 EHV

*Jesus' resurrection overcomes the world one person at a time, raising up newborn children of God. God's children share his love - loving his will and each other.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the

victory that has overcome the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**John 20:29b**

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

**M:** Blessed are those who have not seen

**C:** **and yet have believed. Alleluia.**



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL

**Mark 16:1-8**

*The news of Jesus' resurrection was so unexpected at first it produced disoriented fear. These women expected to see death. Instead, they found an angel, an open tomb, and new life.*

**M:** The Gospel, Mark Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

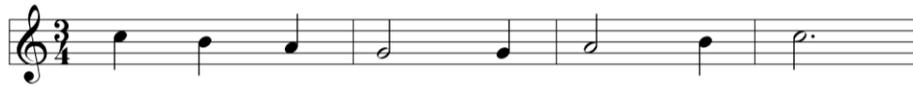
<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup> They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**M:** This is the Gospel.



**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,  
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,  
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,  
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear  
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,<br/>                 "My hands, my feet, my body see;<br/>                 And doubt not, but believe in me."<br/>                 Alleluia!</p>   | <p>8 Blessèd are they that have not seen<br/>                 And yet whose faith has constant been;<br/>                 In life eternal they shall reign.<br/>                 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>                 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>                 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.<br/>                 Alleluia!</p> | <p>9 On this most holy day of days<br/>                 To God your hearts and voices raise<br/>                 In laud and jubilee and praise.<br/>                 Alleluia!</p>            |

**SERMON** – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:  
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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.  
**C:** We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

- M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**
- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

- M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

- M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain:*

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo. And in its conquest his might did show.**

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the grave cloths are lying there."**

**"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."**

**Christ has arisen; he sets us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.**

*Silent prayer - Announcements after the close of Service*