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# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*



## The Word of God

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** ~ Christ ist erstanden, (*Christ is Arisen*), BWV 627 .....Johann Sebastian Bach

*When the bell sounds, please stand. The schola sings*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.	Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,	those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.
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His enemies had sealed the stone  
as Pilate gave them leave,  
lest dead and friendless and alone  
he should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand  
by seraphim adored!  
O Solitude a gain command  
your host from heaven restored!

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The schola sings*

### CHRIST OUR PASSEVER *Pascha Nostrum*

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

### THE FIRST LESSON ~ Acts 4:32-35

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

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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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The schola sings*

**PSALM 133** *Ecce, quam bonum!*

*Antiphon: How good and pleasant it is to live in unity.*

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| 1 | Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *         | 4 | It is like the dew of Hermon *                  |
|   | when brethren live together in unity!      |   | that falls upon the hills of Zion.              |
| 2 | It is like fine oil upon the head *        | 5 | For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * |
|   | that runs down upon the beard,             |   | life for evermore.                              |
| 3 | Upon the beard of Aaron, *                 |   |   |
|   | and runs down upon the collar of his robe. |   |   |

**THE SECOND LESSON** ~ 1 John 1:1—2:2

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The schola sings*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**

- V. You believe me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe.

**THE GOSPEL** ~ John 20:19-31

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* 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.

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*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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# The Liturgy of the Table

## ANTHEM

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Cleona Torres, Soprano

Music: *from* Messiah - George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Text: Job 19

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The schola sings*

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*(Standing or Kneeling)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(Said by all)*

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

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*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_. and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.
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#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The schola sings*

#### **THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*As you approach the table for the bread, please sanitize your hands. Please be sure your mask is in place totally over your nose and observe at least 6 feet of physical distance. Return to your seat. The Celebrant will indicate the time to consume the bread. Return the paper cup to the basket by the St. Charles entrance at the end of the liturgy.*

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.	Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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#### **THE SEASONAL BLESSING**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The schola sings*

HYMN

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|---|---|
| 1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now<br>can no longer, death, appall us;<br>Jesus lives! by this we know thou,<br>O grave canst not enthrall us.<br>Alleluia!           | 2 Jesus lives! for us he died:<br>then, alone to Jesus living,<br>pure in heart may we abide,<br>glory to our Savior giving.<br>Alleluia!           |
| 3 Jesus lives! our hearts know well<br>nought from us his love shall sever;<br>life, nor death, nor powers of hell<br>tear us from his keeping ever.<br>Alleluia! | 4 Jesus lives! to him the throne<br>over all the world is given:<br>may we go where he has gone,<br>rest and reign with him in heaven.<br>Alleluia! |

THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Prelude and Fugue on *Victimae Paschali Laudes*..... Dom Paul Benoit

*We thank Jethro Celestin, Les Leathem, Howe Pearson, Cleona Torres, and Nicholas Yetter  
for singing today.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the marriage of Miranda Tucker Morgan to Sean Blair Reynolds.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Canon David Lowry preaches* at the 10:00 Eucharist on Sunday, April 25.

*The Parish Annual Meeting* takes place after the 10:00 Eucharist on Sunday, May 2.

*Choral Evensong for Ascension Day* at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 13.



## Explore the Way of Love: TURN

There are so many voices in the world, telling us who we are, what we should do, and how we will be fulfilled. They tell us to focus on our desires, on our cravings, on being the best individual we can be. The world, we are told, revolves around each of us.

For many, these pursuits of self-fulfillment can leave us feeling drained, empty, and alone. They can lead us away from our divine calling. Away from the creator in whose image we were made. But if we listen closely, there is a spirit calling us to come back to ourselves, back to our purpose, back to something more meaningful.

When we look to the example of Jesus, we see the way that he followed. This is the Way of Love.

One aspect of this Way and making it a practice in our own lives is remembering to simply to turn toward the voice that calls us. Intentionally choosing our direction, choosing to turn and face the light, is the fundamental shift that puts the Way of Love into action. As Jesus tells us in the Book of John: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.”

Turning doesn’t have to change who you are—you are loved as you were created. But it can change where you are going. It can shift you from selfishness to loving the other. It can shift you from hoarding to generosity. It can lead you from sin and distance from God into closer alignment with the One who made and loves you so much.

Obedying this call means recognizing the things we put first in our lives, the things we allow to have the most space in our minds, our fears and hopes and desires. And turning instead toward love.

It can be as freeing as the early followers putting down their fishing nets. It can be as missional as Jesus asking us to pick up our cross and follow him. It can be as simple as paying attention to which direction our feet are facing on our journey.

Turning is not just a one time event, but an ongoing discipline, re-directing our steps as often as we think to, always turning toward the light. And turning toward the light can also illuminate how many there are on the journey with you, emerging from the shadows to walk the same path.

The Way of Love can lead you to discover a community of fellow travelers with whom you share the journey. The Way of Love shows us who we are, it lights the path to where we should go, and it gives purpose to our desires for fulfillment. And it shows us that we are not alone. That like us, there are many who choosing to turn toward the Way of Love. Are you ready to commit to turning and following Jesus?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Turning at [iam.ec/explore](http://iam.ec/explore).

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**THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021**

SUNDAY

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Spoken) (Chapel)
- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)

MONDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (Westfeldt Room)

THURSDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SUNDAY

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)



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