



St. Paul's Cathedral
Burlington, Vermont

The Second Sunday of Easter ☩ April 11, 2021

☩ *During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.*

☩ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*

☩ *Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.*

☩ *A short instrumental voluntary is played.*

Opening Rite

We sing hymn 205 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our
 2 The Lord of life is risen to-day! Sing songs of praise a-long his
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which can-not
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with one ac-
 5 To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, to God the Spi-rit, al-ways

1 King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 way; let all the earth re-joyce and say:
 3 die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 4 cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:
 5 One, we sing for life in us be-gun:

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!

Words Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923–1987) • Music GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius (1560?–1616)

The Presider says,
 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
 Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We join in singing the ancient hymn Gloria in excelsis:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting Herbert J. Austin, 1978

The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Word of God

Emma Comeau reads from early Christian literature:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Acts 4:32-35

Here ends the reading.

We sing Psalm 133. Please join in at home.



Oh, how good and pléasant it ís, *
when kindred live togéther in únity!

It is like fine oil upón the héad *
that runs down upón the béard,

Upon the béard of Áaron, *
and runs down upon the cóllar of his róbe.

It is like the déw of Hérmon *
that falls upon the hills of Zíon.

For there the LORD has ordáined the bléssing: *
life for évermóre.

Chant Mark Howe, 1989

Paige Comeau, Ana Jones, and Jonas Amerson read from the Christian Epistles:

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

1 John 1:1-2:

Here ends the reading.

We sing hymn 508 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt. • Music NOVA VITA, Lister Radcliffe Peace (1885–1969)

Sylvia Richards, Thomas Sutton, and Ngang Ateny read from the Gospels.

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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 religious authorities, 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.

John 20:19-31

Here ends the reading.

Reflection

Members of the Youth Confirmation class share insights on God’s word.

After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers

The Deacon says,

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Members of the Youth Confirmation class bid the prayers:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Shannon;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____],

Pray for those who have died.

Stillness

I ask your thanksgivings for friends and family, [especially _____]

Pray in gratitude for all of God's blessings.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for _____

A leader gives voice to petitions from the Zoom chat box

Pray for the needs and hopes of this community.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Stillness*

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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 for ever. Amen.

We join in singing a hymn. Please sing boldly at home.

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; no gra - cious words we hear from
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod; but
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our faith a - bound, to
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light we
him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
in his pro - mise we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
may be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Words Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. • Music CHELSEA SQUARE, Howard Chandler Robbins (1876-1952), har. Ray Francis Brown (1897-1964)

The Presider blesses the People:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses us, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

An organ voluntary is played.

Lobe den Herren

Max Drischner (1891-1971)

Coffee hour follows immediately.

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Presider Greta Getlein ☪ Deacon Stan Baker ☪

Readers and Intercessors

Jonas Amerson, Ngang Ateny, Emma Comeau, Paige Comeau, Ana Jones, Sylvia Richards, Thomas Sutton

Cantor & Organist Mark Howe ☪ Digital Stewards Emiry Potter, Betsy Beaulieu, Lee Williams