



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL

11

2021

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.

*Words: Bill Wallace
Tune: Alive, Alison Carey. AA 146*

WELCOME

Priest:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist:

In this Easter season,
we celebrate that the powers
of despair and destruction
do not have the final word;
that new life can still break out;
that love is stronger than death;
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,
seeking to be a people of resurrection.
Gather us together now,
form us into a community of your people,
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God!**

Praise the Holy Name,
whose word speaks all things into being,
who created the forces of the universe
and the laughter of children. Praise the Holy Name!

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God!**

Praise the living God:
clouds and storms and ocean currents,
fish in the sea and creatures of the deep,
animals and cattle, insects and birds,
praise the living God!

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God!**

Praise the Holy Name
who did not rely only on angels and messengers
but came among us in person,
whose living presence saves us!
Praise God's Holy Name!

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God! ¹**

Please be seated.

¹ Brian Wren (adapted)

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:1

Alleluia!

God of calm,

**you bring peace in the midst of distress;
still our troubled hearts when we struggle to believe,
give us the courage to doubt,
give us peace in believing.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 4:32-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

God, give us peace that lasts
not through the fear of might,
but through the force of love
and love of life and right.
Where costly wars and weapons lure,
show us our Lord among the poor.

God, give us love that lasts,
which makes of strangers, guests;
which startles hurt with hope
and for the weak protests:
what hate or guiltiness emboss,
confront with Jesus and the cross.

God, give us hope that lasts,
through passion and through pain,
through danger, doubt, and death
till life is raised again.
When dread and pessimism loom,
direct us to the empty tomb.

And all these things we ask
in knowledge of your grace
which gave the earth its birth
and bore a human face;
and with our prayers we give our word
to serve and follow Christ our Lord.

Words: John L. Bell

Tune: Darwall, John Darwall (1731-1789).TiS 187

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,
chapter twenty, beginning at verse nineteen.



Hal - le - lu - jah, ___ hal-le-lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

John 20:19-31

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Hal - le - lu - jah, ___ hal-le-lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

THE SERMON

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Silence

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist:

Let us stand to affirm our resurrection faith.

We believe in the power of Christ
to overcome all deaths,
deaths in us and death in the world.
We believe in life which rises in freedom
and carries us in joy towards grace
beyond our imagining,
calling our spirits to soar in freedom
with wings of hope
borne high in the wonder of Easter Day.
The gift of life will never be taken from us.
The costly life of God will be our company
for ever and for ever. ²

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist:

Let us pray for those far and near,
people and places, powerful and powerless,
all for whom we are concerned.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau, Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

² Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ³

First of the week and finest day,
when God commanded light to shine:
cast darkness and its works away
to celebrate with bread and wine!

First of the week was Easter morn
when Christ the Lord from death was raised;
new life, fresh hope that day was born
and God in heaven and earth was praised.

First of the week the Spirit came
to fill the church with grace and power;
the rushing wind and tongues of flame
were heralds of that promised hour.

First of the week we set aside
to meet, to learn, to give, to pray;
to spread Christ's gospel far and wide –
in truth, this is the Lord's own day!

*Words: David Mowbray (b. 1938)
Tune: Melcombe, melody by Samuel Webbe (1740-1816). TIS 213(ii)*

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Blessed be God for ever.

³ *During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's; for electronic giving option: text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City. Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit is here.

God's hope is in us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creating God.
In you all things are good.

You love us into being, you form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails,
your love remains steadfast.

Your love delivers us from captivity,
and brings us into lands flowing with milk and honey.

You set before us the way of life.

And so, with the people of earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po-wer and might'. The second staff continues with 'Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -san-na in the high-est.' The third staff starts with a 2-measure rest, followed by 'Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love. Ho-'. The fourth staff concludes with 'san -na, Ho -san-na, Ho -san - na in the high - est!' and ends with a 3-measure rest.

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po-wer and might

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -san-na in the high-est.

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Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love. Ho-

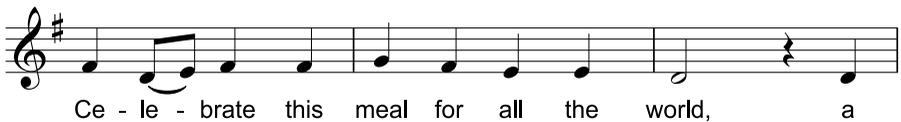
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san -na, Ho -san-na, Ho -san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus.
By his baptism and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
In Christ, risen from death,
you make a new covenant with us
by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom.
We are now your resurrected people, the living body of Christ.
declaring life, hope and justice.

On the last night Jesus shared a meal with his friends,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
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.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

On the third day he was revealed to the women
and was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread.



And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus the Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet. ⁵

Blessing and hon-our and glo - ry be Yours, here and
ev'ry -where now and for - ev - er, A - men.

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us hold in our hearts the hope of Christ as we pray:

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.

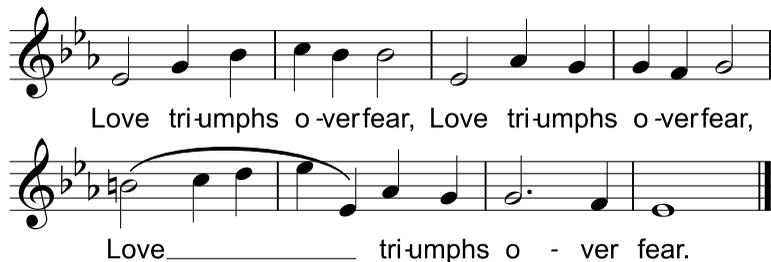
⁵ *Richard Fabian, St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, adapted*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

We sing three times:



Love triumphs o-verfear, Love triumphs o-verfear,
Love _____ triumphs o - ver fear.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Love triumphs o-verfear, Love triumphs o-verfear,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'Love _____ triumphs o - ver fear.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

*There is a chalice for dipping -
simply hold the bread in front of you to signify your choice.*

*If you do not wish to take communion
you may come forward for a blessing.*

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews
and communion will be brought to you.*

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of salvation.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,
whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith in the world you love.
Amen. ⁶

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in echo say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Hearts are strong and voices sing, Alleluia!
Where O death is now your sting? Alleluia!
As he died his truth to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Living out the words he said, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Tune: Easter Hymn, later form of melody from 'Lyra Davidica', 1708. TIS 362*

⁶ Steven Shakespeare

Deacon from the rear of the Church:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Offertoire sur "O filii et filiae" Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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