

# *Morning Prayer - 2nd Sunday of Easter*

## *April 19, 2020*

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

Opening Hymn #206 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!  
earth and heaven in chorus 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!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!  
where, O death, is now thy sting? alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!  
following our exalted head, alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

***Christ our Passover***

1 Corinthians 5:7–8; Romans 6:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

**Alleluia!**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a human came death,  
by a human has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

Children's Talk

### ***The Proclamation of the Word***

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

‘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—this 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, or he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘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. Since 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed 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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so 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 honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although 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, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #244 *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight* (vs. 1–2)

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
but in his promise we rejoice  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

*Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19–31)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn #244 *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight* (vs. 3–4)

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith***

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

***Intercessions and Thanksgivings***

*In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"*

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That the Lord may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That God will provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by God's power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That She may reveal the light of Her presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon Her people, that we may bear faithful witness to the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God; **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The people may name their remembered dead*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence for reflection.*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;  
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Response to the Prayers #562 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Dona nobis pacem, pacem;  
Dona nobis pacem, ...

***Collect***

O God, our beginning and our end:  
accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty  
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
**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.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Benediction and Closing Hymn: *Prayer of Peace*

*by David Haas*

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.  
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia ...

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Postlude: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*/LLANFAIR

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now*

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