

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

10:30 am

(The words to the hymns are printed at the end of the bulletin.)

Prelude: "Lift High the Cross"

Donald Busarow (1934-2011)

Welcome by the Rev. Sarah Hurlbert, Rector

Opening Hymn Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #287
Lift High the Cross

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant:

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

Gloria The Hymnal 1982 # S280
Glory to God – Canticle 20

**Glory to god in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest; Composer: Robert Powell, (1932)

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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 133

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

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31
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.

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

The Sermon **The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert**

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

Intercessor: Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Intercessor Loving God, we praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. We pray especially for our President, our Governor, and our Mayor.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, sick or grieving, especially (_____) ...

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Bless your Church as we share Jesus in the Eucharist. We pray especially for Bishop Bonnie, Rev. Sarah, Rev. Melissa, Rev. Jadon, and our Vestry.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying and lead them to life with you forever.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements:

We have moved into in-person worship up to 55 people in our nave for each service. Masks and a check in with the ushers for contact tracing will be required.

Please check this week's email for news and announcements for our youth and Christian Ed. Today our St. Paul's confirmation group, with the help of Chef Jeremiah, will prepare and bring a meal to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter.

Call or email Pastor Sarah with news of anyone who is sick in our congregation and reach out for help when you need it. Diana Sinclair is gathering our prayer requests each week so make sure you email or call her with your requests.

Thanks to all who are helping make this worship happen and thank you all for being here!

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Meditation: "Faith of Our Fathers"

Lani Smith. (1934-2015)

The Holy Communion

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Holy Communion text. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

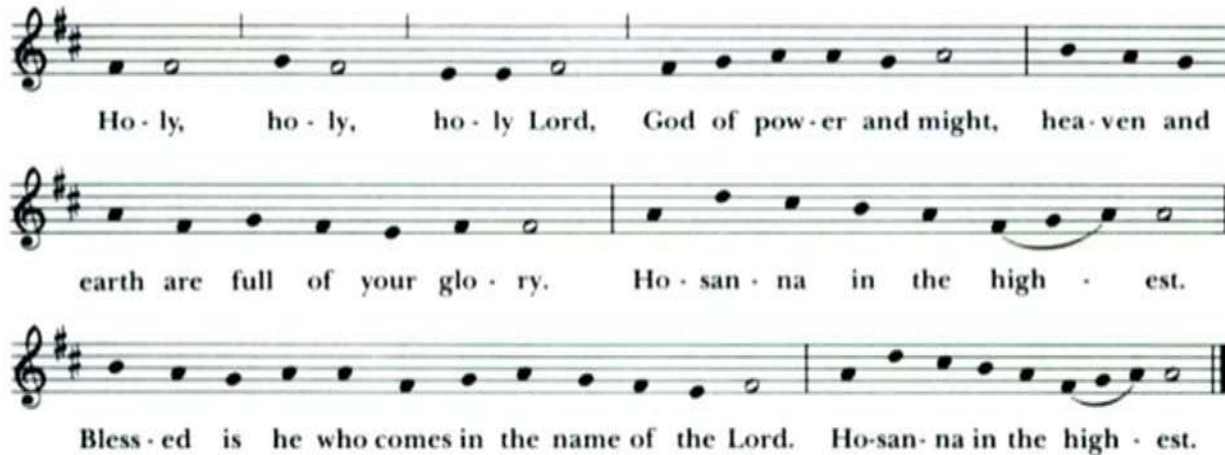
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(all say)*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant,

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy

Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A period of Silence is kept)

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the text "(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)". The second staff contains "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;". The third staff contains "there - fore let us keep the feast.". The fourth staff contains "(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)".

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take Them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #530**
Faith of Our Fathers

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let

us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing:

Life is short...

Closing Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #708**
Go Forth For God

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **“Go Forth for God”**

Hal Hopson (1933-

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN MEMORY of All Who Were Lost To Covid by Sue Hammett; And IN HONOR of the 77th birthday of Pastor Sarah’s father Joseph by Rev. Sarah Hurlbert.

THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK TO THE GLORY OF GOD & IN LOVING MEMORY of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Josh Oden by Michelle Gibson.



*Worship Ministers: The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Dcn. Melissa Congleton
Julie Baglien, Organist; Christy Randall & Wayne Frey, Vocalists
Barb Duke, 1st Reader; Loren Swanson, 2nd Reader & Acolyte; Barney Rudolph, Intercessor
Dennis Marsh, Tom Holsinger-Friesen, Samuel, Holsinger Friesen, Ushers
Special thanks again go to our tech team for their faithfulness & expertise!*

The hymns for today are from the Worship & Rejoice Hymnal

Opening Hymn: #287

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior
trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
[Refrain]

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
[Refrain]

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.
[Refrain]

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

Words: *George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912*
Music: *Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947*

Communion Hymn #530

Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious Word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach it, too, as love knows how,
by kindly words and virtuous life!
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

3 Faith of the martyrs who, though bound,
were still in heart and conscience true.
How blest would be their children's fate,
if they, like them, should live for you!
Faith of the martyrs, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Words: *Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863 (alt.)*
Music: *Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888*



Closing Hymn: #708

Go Forth For God

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Words: *J. R. Peacey, 1896-1971*

Music: *GENEVA PSALTER 124*



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*For you
shall go
out in*

Joy

*and be led
forth in*

Peace...

Isaiah 55:12, ESV



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