



*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*People* Amen.

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Oh God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* And your glory all the day long.

*All* Praise to the holy, and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*All* Alleluia.

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* O come let us worship. Alleluia.

### Invitatory: Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

*All* **O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.**

### Psalm appointed: Psalm 118:14-29, *Confitemini Domino*

*Anne Jacobs*

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

All **O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.**

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

*Pal Covie*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

### Canticle I, Hymn, #209

We Walk by Faith

*The Hymnal 1982*

### Second Lesson: John 20:19-31

*Pal Covie*

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 Judeans, 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.

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

### Canticle II

*Anne Jacobs*

Canticle A (Enriching Our Worship): A Song of Wisdom Sapientia liberavit, Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \*  
a holy people and a blameless race.

She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \*  
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.  
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \*  
and led them by a marvelous way;  
She was their shelter by day \*  
and a blaze of stars by night.  
She brought them across the Red Sea, \*  
she led them through mighty waters;  
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \*  
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.  
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \*  
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;  
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \*  
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Sermon

Mary Curlew

Hymn, #382

King of Glory, King of Peace

The Hymnal 1982

### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers

*Officiant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*People* 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.

*Officiant* Help us, O God our Savior;  
*People* **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Look upon your congregation;  
**Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Declare your glory among the nations;  
**And your wonders among all peoples.**

Do not let the oppressed be ashamed and turned away;  
**Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;  
**And your favor of those who are true of heart.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

### A Collect for Sundays (said together)

*People* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Anne Jacobs

Leader In joy and celebration let us offer our prayers to the source of all life.  
Sing out your joy, saying, "Blessed be the risen Christ!"

*A brief silence for reflection.*

Holy and faithful God, as your church throughout the world sings "Alleluia" and rejoices because of the power of your love, we pray for the church and for all who preach the gospel with their words and with their lives. May our witness to the risen Christ be a sure and unmistakable sign of God's victory over the power of hatred and death. We pray especially in the diocese of Maine for St. John Baptist, Thomaston, for the spread of the Gospel to all the world, and in the Anglican cycle of prayer, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean  
Sing out your joy;

People **Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Leader May we hear that voice which promises, "Peace be with you." Lead us to live your peace in our hearts and in our homes. Work through us to establish your peace in our communities and into every corner of the world, remembering those places that suffer war and civil strife, especially Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan. Make us peacemakers in the world.  
Sing out your joy;

People **Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Leader As the risen Lord greeted his unbelieving followers and said to them "Do not be afraid," we pray for all who are consumed with fear for themselves or for others, all whose lives are scarred by prejudice, abuse, domestic violence, or addiction. We pray for those in the armed services or all whose labor or vocation places them in danger. May fear this day be replaced by faith and doubt turned to joy.  
Sing out your joy;

People **Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Leader As the risen Christ first appeared to women and men who were prepared to see only death and defeat, may he now be known in us and among us, and especially in those places where there is sickness and grief. We pray for the sick and those with special needs from our parish prayer list:

**Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Will; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Wes; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Richard; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Ted; Matt; Vanya; Penny N; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Hartley; Isabel; and Nancy W.**

Sing out your joy;

People **Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Leader With the words of resurrection fresh in our hearts and on our lips, we commend to your eternal love, O God, those who have died. We offer thanks for all those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been given and also those who have recently died.

People Sing out your joy;  
**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Leader Our prayers rise to you like the smoke of incense upon an altar. Receive the prayers offered by those who gather here this morning:

*A time for intercessions offered aloud or silently.*

People Sing out your joy;  
**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

### Concluding Collect

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Peace

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us show to each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

### Offertory Sentence

*Officiant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Let us, then, with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the God.

*The people are seated. At this time, the ushers will collect the offering.*

### Anthem

Love's Redeeming Work is Done

*Love's redeeming work is done,*

*fought the fight, the battle won.*

*Death in vain forbids him rise;*

*Christ has opened paradise.*

*Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King;*

*where, O death, is now thy sting?*

*Once he died our souls to save,*



*where thy victory, O grave?  
Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise,  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.  
Alleluia!*

*-Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

### Offertory Prayer

*Officiant  
People*

Let us pray,  
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant  
People*

Having been gathered by the Spirit, fed by the Word, and transformed by God's vast grace, let us pray together:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn, #206**

Alleluia, O sons and daughters

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Dismissal**

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Ephesians 3:20,21

*People* **Amen.**

**Postlude**

"O Sons and Daughters" by J-F Dandrieu

## SERVING TODAY

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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Imelda Schaefer
<b>A/V</b>	Arthur Woolverton
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hobson, Dennis Fitzgibbons
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>VPOW</b>	Jeff Groves
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jay & Basil Souder



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