

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023, 9:30 am



Prelude "Prelude en becarre" *by André Raison*

Welcome *Lu Tingley*

Opening Hymn, #184 Christ the Lord is risen again *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
People **everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

John Perkins

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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,
for 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."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Lisa Fitzgibbons

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

John Perkins

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 honor 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #209

We walk by faith

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John

People **Glory to you, O God.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

“Jesu, Hope of Our Despairing”

by J.S. Bach

*Jesu, hope of our despairing,
to the lost, salvation bearing,
When with such triumphant might
Thou o’ercam’st Thy foes in fight.
Breaking bars of death’s dark prison,
Gloriously Thou hast arisen.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Earth the general joy pursuing,
Gladsome youth is now renewing.
All that live their joy display,
Clothe themselves in garments gay.
Lo, the sea, too, mirth is voicing,
Hills and valleys all rejoicing.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant
People

Let us affirm our faith as we say together:

**We believe in one God,
maker of heaven and earth,
who in goodness created us
and by grace sustains us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
beloved child of God,
who became a human being and lived among us,
experiencing fully the joys, sorrows, and temptations of human life.
While he walked on the earth,
he taught and healed,
but most of all he loved,
and showed us how to love one another.
By us and for us he was crucified;
he died and was buried.
Yet he rose again and lives on,
freeing us and empowering us to be children of God.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
poured out upon the early disciples at the Day of Pentecost
and upon us in our baptisms.
She has spoken through the prophets
and continues still to speak through us today.**

Prayers of the People

Lisa Fitzgibbons

Leader When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he met them where they were, but also invited them to step forward and bear witness to his resurrection. As we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings today, may we, too, be living witnesses to the power of the risen Lord.

Gracious God, you have called us to be members of your body in Yarmouth. Bless and guide us as we seek to serve you in this place. Strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world. Pray, my siblings, for the witness of the Church:

(pause)

People In your Church, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God of wisdom, we pray for all leaders charged with ordering our world's resources, maintaining peace and providing for those in need. Send a spirit of wisdom and compassion, that peace, justice and wisdom may prevail. Pray, beloved, for those in positions of public trust:

(pause)

People By our words and actions, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose. Pray for our fragile earth:

(pause)

People In our stewardship of this earth, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader Merciful God, we pray for the lonely, the sick and the suffering, the homeless, and for those seeking safety in this country. As they cast their cares upon you, may they experience your presence and healing touch. Pray for those in need this day, especially: **Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Katie; Paige; Anne, Richard & family; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Boyd; Terry; Celeste; Will; Tom & Laurel; Caia; and Jennifer.**

Please add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud.

(pause)

People As we trust in your healing power, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God of Life, you raised Jesus from the dead; Give us assurance that because Jesus lives, we do as well. Pray for those who have died, especially John Harrison (brother of Nina Scribner)

Please add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud.

(pause)

People In death, as in life,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God our parent, you sent Jesus to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for your tender mercies. We thank you for the many ways you continue to make yourself known to us. Give thanks for those things that make our hearts glad this day: Please offer your own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

(pause)

People In our lives, Lord,
May we with gratitude bear witness to your love.

Leader We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
People **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ is always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our lives to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward at this time, while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #206 O Sons and Daughters *The Hymnal 1982*

The offering is brought forward at this time.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, God our Creator and Lover.
You make all things and call them 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.
You deliver us from captivity,
and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey.
You set before us the way of life.
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, S129

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._____

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We who were no people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
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 you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

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

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, O God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
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.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant
People

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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 Fraction

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn – Agnus Dei, S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready! 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.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Communion Hymns

#318, Here O my Lord
#242, How oft O Lord (tune: Dickinson)

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **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

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #208

The Strife is o'er

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

"O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing"

by J.-F. Dandrieu

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: Enriching Our Worship, Morning Prayer

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Prayers of the People: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.

Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: Enriching Our Worship

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