



# Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 11, 2021

## Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude — from *ELW Setting 6*

“Kyrie”



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



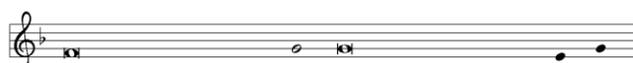
Lord, have mer - cy.



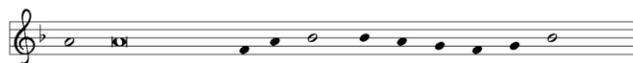
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



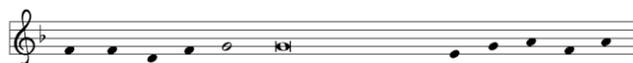
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



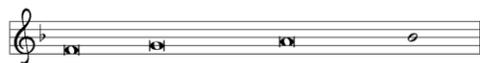
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - - - men.

Welcome

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ,  
that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in  
fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your  
life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise — from *ELW Setting 6*

“Glory to God in the Highest”

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

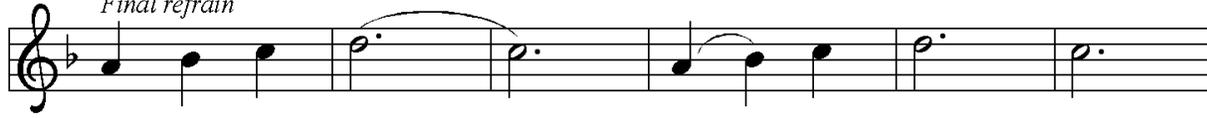


lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Hearing & Responding to Scripture

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles — Acts 4:32-35

32Now 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. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There 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. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### Psalm Interpretation

“My Soul Is Like the Dawn” based on Psalm 131

From *Spark Story Bible Psalm Book: Prayers and Poems for Kids*

### A Reading from the Epistles — 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

1We 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—2this 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—3we 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. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5This 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. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but 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. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1My 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; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Gospel Acclamation** — from *ELW Setting 6*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel** — **John 20:19-31**

The Gospel of John, the 20th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O God.**

19When 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.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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.”

26A 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.” 27Then 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.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But 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 the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** — “Seeing, Believing, and a Bad Rap”

Interim Pastor Bill Nelsen

Hymn —

“When Thomas Heard from Jesus”

Sung to the tune SAN FERNANDO (see hymn no. 680 for the music)

When Thomas heard from Jesus,  
"Now come and follow me,"  
He surely went with gladness,  
for there was much to see.  
He witnessed Jesus' teaching  
and saw his healing touch;  
He found a faith to guide him,  
a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven,  
bold Thomas dared to say,  
"We don't know where you're going!  
How can we know the way?"  
He wanted understanding  
of what he could not see.  
Then Jesus reassured him,  
"The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur  
and leaders raised their cry,  
Brave Thomas spoke out firmly,  
"Let's go with him and die."

He ate at Jesus' table,  
partaking wine and bread;  
Yet later with the others,  
he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening  
when many saw the Lord!  
Yet Thomas was not with them  
and would not trust their word.  
When Christ appeared before him,  
his doubts were quickly gone;  
He gladly knew that evening  
the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus  
at breakfast by the sea;  
At Pentecost he witnessed  
so others would believe.  
O Lord, may we — like Thomas —  
keep growing day by day;  
Increase our faith and guide us,  
for Lord, you are the Way.

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offering

*Please remember to give financially to support our ministry.*

*You can write a check and mail it to the church office or give online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=283920>.*

# Sharing the Meal

## The Great Thanksgiving and Preface

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus — from *ELW Setting 6*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen.**

## Communion

*Please raise your bread up. The body of Christ given for you. Please eat the bread now.  
Please raise up your glass. The blood of Christ shed for you. Please drink the wine/juice now.*

## Lamb of God — from ELW Setting 6

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

## Departing to Serve God's World

## Announcements

## Blessing

May God,  
who comes to us  
in the things of this world,  
bless your eyes  
and be in your seeing.

May the Spirit,  
who perceives what is  
and what may yet be,  
bless your eyes  
and sharpen your vision.

May Christ,  
who looks upon you  
with deepest love,  
bless your eyes  
and widen your gaze.

May the Sacred Three  
bless your eyes  
and cause you to see.

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Believe! Share the good news. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude Hymn — no. 375 Arisen”

“Alleluia! Christ Is

*Refrain/Estrillo*



¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - ó  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.

de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.  
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.

1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro. La pie - dra, un  
1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side. Mar - vel, the  
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing; Christ stands be -  
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning; sud - den - ly  
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning? “I'll not be -

án - gel re - mo - vió; les di - jo: “Ha re - su - ci -  
stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, “He is  
fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -  
Christ your Lord ap - pears. “Look, it is I, your wound - ed  
lieve un - less I see.” Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry

*Refrain/Estrillo*

ta - do.” Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.  
ris - en.” Christ goes be - fore you all the way.  
ci - ples; bear the good news: “He is a - live.”  
Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear.”  
Lord's day: “Touch me and see; have faith in me.”

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Cantor: Emily Bruflat

Lector/Assistant: Amy Pehrson

## Announcements

**A Special Thanks from Marion Peterson:** *Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls. The good wishes meant so much during my recovery; especially Pastor Nelsen for his Sunday morning calls. I look forward to being back to help fill a pew and raise the word “Amen.” You are certainly a wonderful group of people. Bless All – Marion Peterson.*

**Spring 2021 Workday at the Cemetery:** Please take some time to clean brush, trim branches, cut dead trees, rake, or remove trash/old decorations. Meet at Resurrection Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Friday, Apr 23rd, (make-up April 30<sup>th</sup>). Please bring work gloves, power saws, hedge trimmers, rakes, leaf bags, and/or a trailer to haul brush. Masks are required to be worn. If interested call the office 507 934-3060 or email Tom Thorkelson, [tork@gustavus.edu](mailto:tork@gustavus.edu) or Barbara Wilkinson, [swilkins@gustavus.edu](mailto:swilkins@gustavus.edu).

**Prayer Concerns:** We are called to remember John Holte, Tom Johnson, Tom Michels, Dick Muesing, Abigail Christenson, Betty Gustafson, Elgene Lund, Tom Stenson, Chuck Petry, Paul Aasen, Bob Cady, Marion Peterson, Joan Williams, Myrene Bunge, Bob Meeks, Jan Skolsvik and one another in prayer. We lift-up prayers of healing for all others in our personal prayers this week. We also pray for the family of Eunice Amos and all the families who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**Easter Flowers donations were made by the following families and members.** Flowers presented in the church for our Holy Week virtual services were then delivered to our homebound congregation members. Thanks and Blessings to All!

<b>Family or Member</b>	<b>In Memory Of or Celebration Of</b>	<b>In Honor Of</b>
Mike Roberts & Susan Wolfe	Don and Nancy Roberts	
Judy Chaffee	Forrest Chaffee	
John & Sharon Malm	Evelyn, Herbert, Skip Malm	Sarah, Brian, David & their families.
Barb Wilkinson	Steve Wilkinson	
	Paul & Helen Baumgartner	
	Marie Benson	
	Charles Hendrickson	
Tom, Emily & Grant Nelsen	Linda Nelsen	

<b>Family or Member</b>	<b>In Memory or Celebration Of</b>	<b>In Honor Of</b>
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Jerry Kozitza & Suzanne	Mildred Kozitza	
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Jan Jensen	Helen & Paul Baumgartner	
Betty Thompson	Doc Thompson	
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	Parents Phyllis & Clarence Sylvester	
	Edith & Clifford Ward	
		Dan, Laura, Will & Ellie
		Grand-Kids- Jen, Ryan, Cullen, Abby,
Lorraine Knutson	Our Children & Grandchildren	
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