

Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020



Welcome

Minister: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Minister: As we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Minister: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Minister 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.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.'

**As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.**

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

**I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

The Gospel John 20:19-31

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: 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.

Minister: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Rev. Mark Regis

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by 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.**

The Prayers

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

We continue in prayer to our God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

Holy Spirit, as we adjust to life during this pandemic, we ask that you guide all people in their new realities. Give partners grace for each other. Prompt worn-out parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue learning.

Lord God, be with those who continue in essential services, those in government, and those who serve in health care. Provide for all your people, and especially those who have experienced loss of health, relationship, or employment. May your resurrection hope descend mightily on all your people. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Promises of Resurrection Hope (Prayerfully Reflect on these Scriptures)

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

~Lamentations 3:22-23

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

~Mark 16:6

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

~John 14:27

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

~1 Thessalonians 4:14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

~1 Peter 1:3

Prayers for Others (take a few moments to offer thanks and ask God's help for those on your hearts)

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Minister: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

~Hebrews 13:20-21

The Blessing

Minister: The Lord bless you, and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, both now and evermore.
Amen

In our prayers this week

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Ireland

The Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle

ACC: Archbishop Anne Germond, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the
Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

ACC/ELCIC: The Right of Indigenous Peoples to Free, Prior and Informed Consent and a
renewed commitment to responsible resource extraction.

The Diocese of Toronto: The Huronia Deanery

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee: The clergy and people of St Cyprian,
St David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia and St David, Donlands and their
outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle of prayer: Joyce Greenaway; Michelle Gregory-Thomas and Fitzroy Thomas, Francis; Hector and Jackie Harris
Those celebrating birthdays: Andrew Patrick, Susette Titus

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