

THE SEASON OF EASTER WITH ST. MARTIN'S
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2020

Welcome to this virtual gathering of the people of St. Martin's. During this time of global health pandemic, we seek to look out for and to care for one another, most especially by staying home. The time before our liturgy begins is a good time to check-in with one another. Once the service begins all participants will be muted except those speaking to lead us. You are invited to sing along with the hymns and join in speaking the responses just as we would if we were actually together. If anyone is in pastoral need during this time, do not hesitate to write: rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com or call Fr. Mulder at: 908-672-8695.

The Opening Acclamation of Easter

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise, Hymn 418, *This is the feast of victory for our God.*
(sung by the choir of St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle)

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant 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 (2:14a, 22-32)

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

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
People *Thanks be to God!*

Solo *But Thou didst not leave his soul in hell, from Messiah* -G.F. Handel
Markus Brutscher, tenor

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

Homily

The 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.*

The Prayers of the People *(adapted from David Adams, Glimpses of Glory)*

Lord our God, we pray that we may see. You through faith: in seeing you, we will begin to know you, in knowing you, we will give ourselves in love to you; and in loving you, we will enjoy your presence for ever.

Lord, we pray for your Church. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Chip our Diocesan, and all who serve Christ and follow his ways. Jesus come among us,

In your risen power.

We pray for leaders of nations and governments, for all in authority, that they may be wise and gentle in their dealings, that they may be caring and respectful of others. We pray for those seeking to rescue the poor and any who are danger. We pray for the emergency services and all who risk their lives for others. Jesus, come among us,

In your risen power.

We ask that we may come to know your presence and power in our lives, in our homes, and in our neighbors. We pray for homes where there is strain and stress at this time, for families who have lost a loved one, or who have been betrayed kin love; that we may all know of your love and care for us. Jesus, come among us,

In your risen power.

We remember all who have had a hard week this week and all who look in fear towards the future. We pray for those who have been awake all night and are weary and worn, for the over-anxious, the depressed and the dispirited, for those who have watched over the ill and the suffering. We remember friends and loved ones with special needs and hopes. Jesus, come among us,

In your risen power.

Lord, grant grace and peace to the departed: may they rejoice in the fullness of life eternal. Grant that we may put our trust in you now and in the hour of our death. Jesus, come among us,

In your risen power.

As heirs of his resurrection let us join in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples saying:

*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.*

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Hymn 192, This joyful Eastertide (sung by the Harvard University Choir)

Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant Go into this new week to share the joy and power of Easter. Alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. [Ant.]

2. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. [Ant.]

3. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion. [Ant.]

4. Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for ev-er. A-men. [Ant.]

5. For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980)
 Music: Raymond, Peter R. Hallock (b. 1923)

Irr. with Refrain

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en.

Words: George R. Woodward (1848-1934), alt.

Music: *Vraechten*, melody from *Psalmen*, 1685; harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

67. 67 with Refrain

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)