



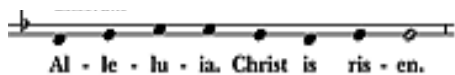
The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023, 10:30 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand to sing

Opening Hymn and Asperges: *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* *Hymnal 1982, 193*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Glory to God



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



peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -



- migh - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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



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. *ff* 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 Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Please be seated.

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.” The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 16

The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it.

Ant: The Lord will show me the path of life.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. (ANT)
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. (ANT)
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. (ANT)
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. (ANT)

A Reading from First Peter

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. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able

The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.



Verse: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! *Alleluia is repeated*

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

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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

Remain standing, or kneel

In hope and gladness, let us pray to God, who gives Life to all.
That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lead and those who serve in the Church throughout the world, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and William, our diocesan bishop, may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That isolated and persecuted churches may find strength in the good news of Easter,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lack food, work, shelter, or medicine may be blessed with provision,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That war, famine, and plague may cease in all the world, especially in Ukraine,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That the light of God's presence may be revealed to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and sustain them, especially Liz, Nicole, Dusty, Susan, Scott, Leo, Rocco, Jeff, Christine, Christina, Ian, Pat, Mary, and Bonnie's grandson.
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection, especially Anthony, may be raised on the last day,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness, yet you also know the needs that weigh upon our hearts: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to you, and grant us grace so to recognize the Risen One in our midst—the Christ now entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace and Welcome

Please be seated.

Offertory Hymn *We Walk by Faith*

Hymnal 1982, 209

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the

one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into a covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced your people and filled them with longing for a peace that would last, and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, our Savior, the living bread in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though he himself would die. And with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross and surrendered his spirit for our salvation.

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and gave you thanks, O God. He broke the bread among his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine, and again he gave you thanks and praise. He passed the cup among 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.

Gracious God, we plead with confidence the sacrifice of Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Eternal God, we offer you these earthly gifts of bread and wine. Let your Holy Spirit move in power over them and sanctify them, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son. Sanctify us also, and unite us in one body into the likeness of your Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and in union with The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and all your Saints, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (Our Father... **BCP, 364**)

The Fraction and Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal 1982, S 155

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns *Love's Redeeming Work Is Done*

Hymnal 1982, 188

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Hymnal 1982, 318

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, 365

The Blessing and Dismissal



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Hymn *Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing vv. 1,3*

Hymnal 1982, 205

Serving Today

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Claire Francis Reader: Omar Francis

Eucharistic Min: Jennifer Persson Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney,

Rob Vernon Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+