

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday of Easter - April 11, 2021

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

Go down Moses

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

That Easter day! vv 1,2,4

Hymnal 193

EASTER ACCLAMATION *(Three times)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 4:32-35

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is **when sisters and brothers live together in unity!**

2 It is like fine oil upon the head **that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, **and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

4 It is like the dew of Hermon **that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: **life for evermore.**

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia

Hymnal 178

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died, and has risen. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please stand or kneel.)*

Please respond to: **Risen Lord Jesus with Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for new life, eternal life, which begins for us here and now in the season of Your Resurrection. We thank you for all gifts we name now, in silence or aloud ...

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we pray for Your Church, that all over the world we might bear your life to the world. Bless our clergy leaders: our bishops, Mariann and Chilton; our clergy, Kate and Joan; and all believers. Equip us to go and tell the Good News that you are risen from the dead.

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we pray for this world for which you lived and died and rose again, for your peace in all places torn by violence or terror or famine or disease or despair, especially places we name now...

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country and leaders, especially our president, Joe, and the leaders of our communities. Deliver us from complacency and show us where to participate in reconciliation and restoration.

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Jesus, your resurrection gives us confidence to pray for healing, as you remain active through your Spirit in the Church. In faith we invite your healing and wholeness for all those whom we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list; and all others whom we name before you, in silence or aloud....

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we celebrate your victory over death itself, praying for those who have gone before us into eternal life, especially for... Even at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE (Standing)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come down, o love divine. vv 1,3

Hymnal 516

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

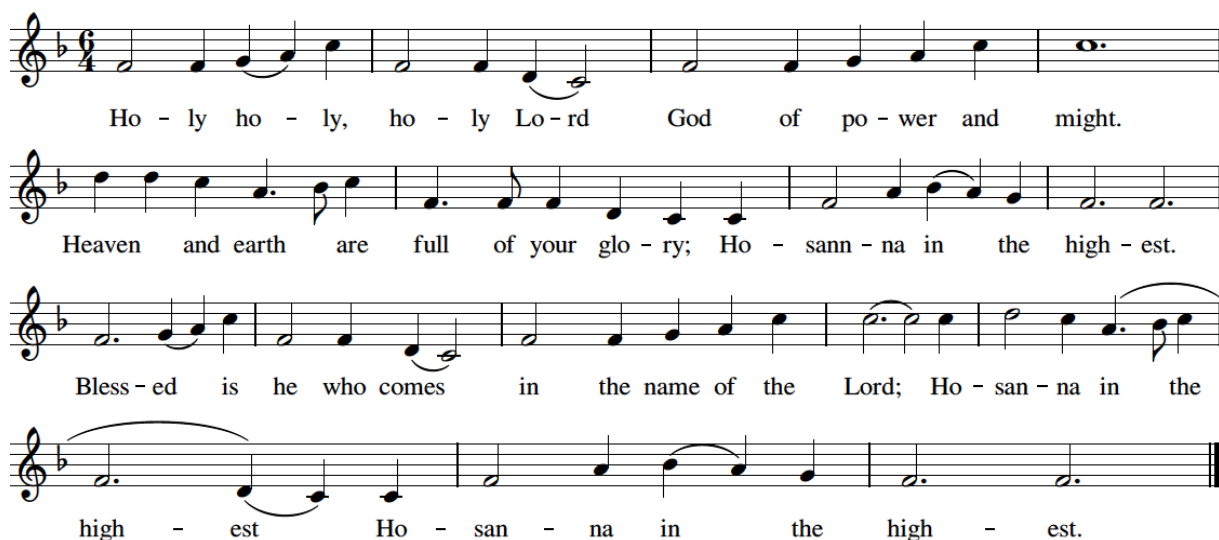
The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

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

It is right, and a good 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Land of Rest



Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd God of po - wer and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - sann - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE COMMUNION

Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Was that you? vv 2,5. (*Words on last page*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you are holy above all things in heaven and on earth, yet you have chosen to draw near to us, to give yourself to us in the mystery of the bread and wine, the body and blood of your most precious Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. We thank you for the mystery of our redemption – for the tomb mysteriously empty, for your appearing to the disciples, unexpected, unrecognized, just as you appear to us in this food and drink.

You have strengthened us with heavenly food to do your work. Give us the courage to do as you command – to tell all we meet that Christ is alive! We pray in the name of the blessed Trinity, one God.

Amen

BLESSING**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Alleluia! Alleluia!, vv 1,4

Hymnal 191

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE**THE PRAYERS**

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Barry Kercher, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Garner Burroughs, Andie Corby, Betty Bowling, Jane, Michelle, Bill Grothe, Duana Page.

Those Who Have Died:

Birthdays: Ryan Kamienski, 4/11; Lucy Dettor, 4/13

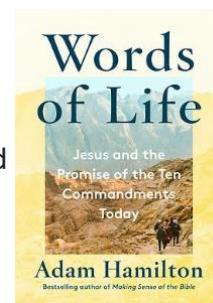
Anniversaries: Ed and Sue Murphy, 4/12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK STUDY AFTER EASTER: *Words of Life*, starting April 18

What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today?

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of “thou-shalt-nots” found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient “words” were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us—often from ourselves.



Barry Kercher will lead a study of this book in which bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, unpacks how Jesus reinterpreted them, and shows how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving “thou shalt.” He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments as a way to order one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING - Do you have gifts of empathy and listening? Do you feel called to bring God's love to people and situations full of pain? God may be inviting you to participate in our ministry of pastoral care. Deacon Joan will be offering a six-week course through our Diocesan School for Christian Faith and Leadership: Pastoral Care Training. Learn and practice basic and advanced skills of pastoral care from the Rev. Joan Crittenden. (Mondays at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. EDT, April 12-May 17; free) [Learn more and register](#).

STEPS TO END VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE! 5K - APRIL 24TH - Please support the Center for Abused Persons and participate in this spring's 5K at the Indian Head Rail Trail registration opens at 9; race at 10. There is also a virtual option. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

TUTORING PROGRAM – We now have some children from the Charles County Public Schools seeking tutors – please volunteer a little time each week to work with a child in need. Tutoring will be done by Zoom, with support from our team. Please contact Deacon Joan if you'd like to learn more, or click [here](#) to register.

ONLINE GIVING - You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. A 2.6% fee is charged for credit or debit cards - you'll have the option to include that in your gift or not. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give online - go to www.christchurchlaplata.org and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

GIVING FUND – Please consider making a dedicated donation to the Giving Fund, from which Rev. Kate can offer help. You can write a check or give online at the donate page on our website, www.christchurchlaplata.org, or text “CCLAPLATA” to 73256, and follow the prompts, designating Giving Fund. You now have the option to make pledge offerings or donations online, or by text.

HYMNS

Opening Hymn - That Easter day!

Hymnal 193

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright: the sun shone out with fairer light
When to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.
- 2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed, his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.
- 4 O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Easter-tide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.

Offertory Hymn - Come down, o love divine

Hymnal 516

- 1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, s
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Communion - Was that you?

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- 2 All of us were gathered, shut inside that room;
Doors were locked, windows blocked, it felt just like a tomb;
Then there he was among us, and he showed his feet and hands.
He said, "Be not afraid, my friends, I'll help you understand."

Was that you speaking peace to me when all I knew was fear?
Was that you, breathing your Spirit so we'd always have you near?
Was that you blessing me more than I could ever understand?
Don't know why it always takes a while for me to open up my eyes and see:
That was you, right there next to me.
- 5 So where did you last see him, where he wasn't supposed to be?
He told us he'd be with the poor, the lost, the last, the least ...
He said that we would know him in Word and bread and wine;
He promised to be with us, now – and to the end of time.

Is that you announcing peace to me when storms rage in my head?
Is that you releasing power in me, the power that raised the dead?
Is that you, loving me more than I could ever understand?
Don't know why it always takes a while for me to open up my eyes and see:
That it's you, always next to me. Jesus, you, right here, next to me.

Closing Hymn - Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymnal 191

1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
4. Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.