

# The Second Sunday of Easter

## April 7, 2024 | 10:00AM

### The Word of God

#### The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE |

Dr. Miriam Hickman

ENTRANCE HYMN | *“Hosanna to the Living Lord”*

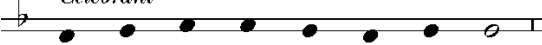
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| *All please stand as able.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

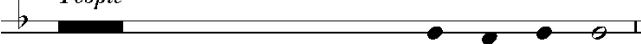
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*Celebrant*



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

*People*

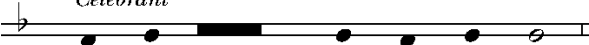


The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM |

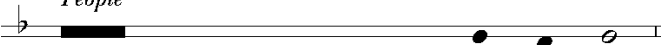
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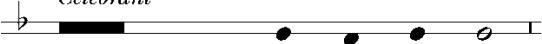
There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

*People*



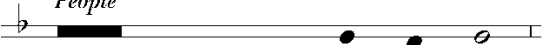
There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant*



One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

*People*



One God and Fa - ther of all.

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>

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

*All are seated for the readings.*

### FIRST READING

**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.**

*Silence may follow.*

*Please stand as able for the psalm. The psalm will be read in unison by all.*

### THE PSALM

**Psalm 133**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren 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.

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND READING |****1 John 1:1-2:2**

We 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-- this 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-- we 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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My 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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:*           The word of the Lord.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

| *All please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN | “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”****H 209**

## THE HOLY 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.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Steve Schaitberger

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES | BCP p. 301

*Family, sponsors, and Godparents of the candidate please come forward to the Altar.*

*Celebrant:* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented

***Sponsors:* I present Lloyd James McAlpin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

***Sponsors:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

***Sponsors:* I will, with God's help.**

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* ***I renounce them.***

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* ***I renounce them.***

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* ***I renounce them.***

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* ***I do.***

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* ***I do.***

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* ***I do.***

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People:** **We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT |**

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*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** **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.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES |**

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*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for *Lloyd James McAlpin* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for those who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER |

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BAPTISM |

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*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who pours water upon them. When the action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant prays over them, saying:*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and says:*

*Lloyd James McAlpin, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.*

## WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED |

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*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People:** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**



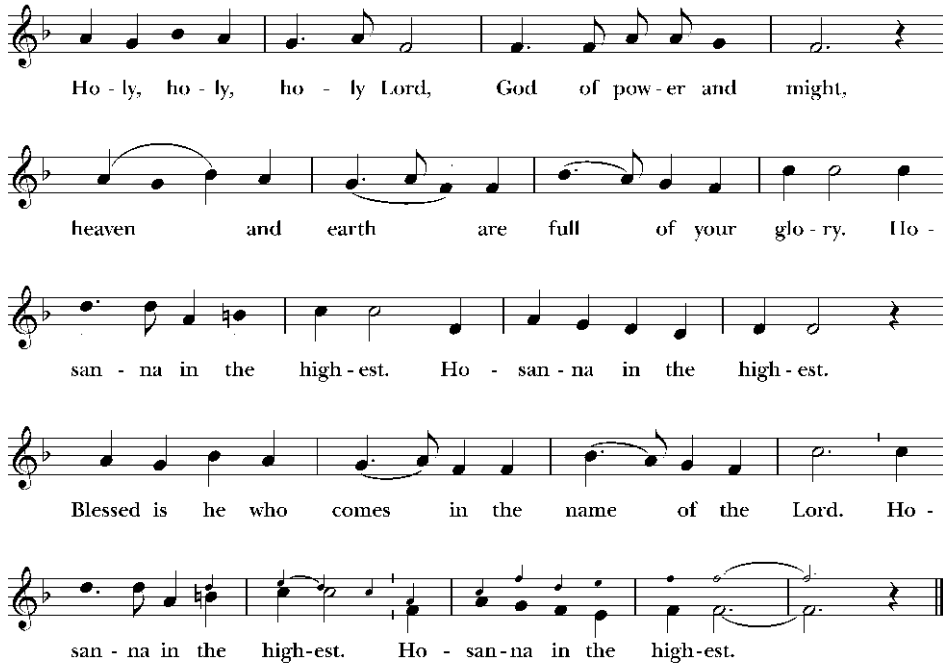


Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to  
proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant:*

**SANCTUS | “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues...*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

*The Celebrant continues...*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever.

**AMEN RESPONSE |**

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER |**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM | “Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus”**

**S 171**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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## INVITATION |

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*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then deliver it to the people.*

## Instructions for Receiving Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Wait at the front of the pews until a space is available then approach the rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, put one hand over your cupped hand so that the minister does not give you a regular wafer. If you wish to receive communion in both kinds, you are invited to drink from the common cup or dip your wafer.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC |

Dr. Miriam Hickman

COMMUNION HYMN | *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”* H 318

*The people stand or kneel as able for the Post Communion Prayer.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER |

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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN | *“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”*

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## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant/ Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman