

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus
Resurrection Reality:
The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

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Order of Service for SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Service

Service of Word and Sacrament

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

443 – Awake, My Heart, With Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness— see what to -
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— what peace it
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my
5 He brings me to the por - tal that leads to



day is done! Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes
in the tomb; but lo, he now is rout - ed, his
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the
Sav - ior dear. My Lord will leave me nev - er; with
bliss un - told, where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
him I need not fear. He rends death's i - ron
found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid where our bed must be made when to the
free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry he who is
shake, no foe shall ev - er take the hope which
chain; he breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
shared finds here a crown pre - pared; who there with



realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.
 strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 God's own Son in love for me has won.
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Please stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



Christ, have mer - cy.

For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise:

SONG OF PRAISE

God Is Here with Me

Sung by the Cherub Choir.

*God is in my voice when I am singing, God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is in my voice when I am singing, God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!*

*God is in my mind when I am praying, God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is in my mind when I am praying, God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!*

*God is in my heart when I am sleeping, God is in my heart, right here in my sleep,
God is in my heart when I am sleeping, God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 18:1-11

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.

ACTS 18:1 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made.



Let us re - jice and be glad in it.



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.
I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. *Refrain*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / jices;
my body also will / rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.
You make known to me the / path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-4

*John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead.
This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.*

¹JOHN 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.

JOHN 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

468 – These Things Did Thomas Count as Real



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
3 His rea-soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the



blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the
nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex -
live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers
ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
pect - ed act too large for his small world of fact.
read like braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
palms reached out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

✠ Sermon ✠

John 20:19-29

Jesus Appears to Empower

✠ The Confession of Faith ✠

Please stand

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have made our joy complete. You have given us peace. You have given us your Spirit. You have forgiven us and have driven away our doubts. You are our Lord. **Apart from you we have no good thing.**

Let your message of peace and forgiveness reach those who have not heard it. Keep those who proclaim your message safe, and let their testimony bring new people into your church. You are our Lord. **Apart from you we have no good thing.**

Counsel and instruct all leaders, the president of our nation, the governor of our state, and all local authorities, that we may live peaceable lives, and that your gospel may be proclaimed freely. You are our Lord. **Apart from you we have no good thing.**

Guide and inspire those who lead the worship of your people, that they may proclaim your good news in word and song, build your people up in faith, and lead them to sing your praises. You are our Lord. **Apart from you we have no good thing.**

Make your path of life known to those who are plagued with doubts and fears, and those who suffer with pain and illness, [*especially...*]. You have given us your promise that you will not abandon us. You are our Lord. **Apart from you we have no good thing.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, true God and truly human, you do not change, and you are holy in all your works. Remove all our unbelief and doubt and fill our hearts with the gifts of your grace that we may believe and know you as our Lord and our God; you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

Please stand

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



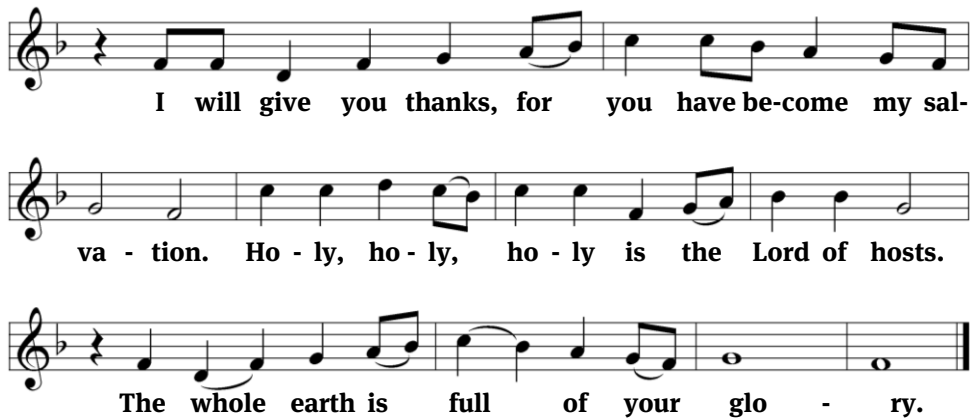
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you



I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

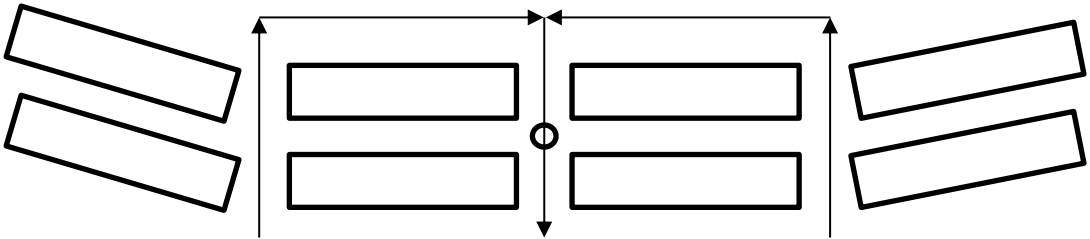
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Enter along the side aisles toward the altar area. Move toward the center (unless otherwise directed). After receiving the Supper, return to your seat down the middle aisle, depositing your cup in the receptacle.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

444 – Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well noth - ing me from
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate to
can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bid,
him shall sev - er. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
life im - mor - tal; this shall calm my trem - bling breath

[13]



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
 live and reign with him in heav - en. God is
 praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 when I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be a sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

✧ Sending ✧

Please stand

THANK THE LORD



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER and BLESSING

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brother and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

830 (1, 3-5) – We Walk By Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are with full and end - less sight.

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Prayer of the Day

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