

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Worship Focus

**Risen to Relate: The Savior and the Saved.  
Jesus Brings the Blessing of Peace**



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Common Service

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### OPENING HYMN

142 - Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is  
3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el  
fly - ing From his light, to whom we give  
stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of  
Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the  
Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from  
gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the  
raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.  
watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.  
brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, adapt.  
Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (76 76 D Trochaic) Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **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.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Two lines of musical notation on treble clef staves. The first line contains the melody for the first phrase: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second line contains the melody for the second phrase: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B-flat7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B-flat8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B-flat9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B-flat10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B-flat11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B-flat12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B-flat13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B-flat14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B-flat15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B-flat16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B-flat17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B-flat18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B-flat19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B-flat20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B-flat21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B-flat22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B-flat23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B-flat24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B-flat25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B-flat26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B-flat27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B-flat28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B-flat29, 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M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a quarter rest followed by quarter notes G, A, B, and C. The second staff continues with quarter notes D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, and a whole note D. The third staff starts with a quarter note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, and a whole note D. The fourth staff continues with quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, and a whole note D. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The word 'I' is written below the first note of the third staff. The word 'Refrain' appears at the end of the fourth staff.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The notes are quarter notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. The lyrics 'C: And al - so with you.' are written below the notes.

M 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 your 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.

C: A - men.

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## JUNIOR CHOIR

## Ut Vitam Habeant – That They May Have Life

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*Ut vitam habeant, ut vitam habeant.*

*I have come that they may have life, have life abundantly, abundantly.*



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Acts 3:12-20

Peter speaks of the blessings which come through faith in Jesus' name.

ACTS 3:12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus.

## CHERUB CHOIR

## This is the Day

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*(Chorus) This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice and be exceeding glad!  
This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Alleluia!*

*Christ has conquered death at last,  
Left the tomb that held him fast!  
Gone the sorrow, gone the night;  
Dawns the morning clear and bright! (Chorus)*

*Jesus lives who once was dead,  
Crown of glory on his head!  
Risen now our Lord and King;  
Songs of gladness let us sing. (Chorus)*

## SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:1-6

The victory of faith in the risen Lord.

<sup>1</sup>JOHN 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Choir**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The risen Lord appears to his disciples with a word of peace.

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 Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> 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 it."

<sup>26</sup> 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!"<sup>27</sup> 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."

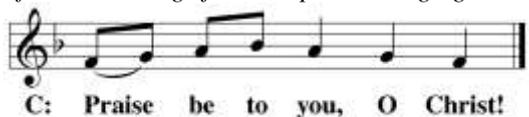
<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

165 (vs. 1-5) - O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 On that first morn - ing of the week,  
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,  
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;  
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
For thus he spoke un - to the three,  
A - mong them came their Lord most dear  
That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek,  
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



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

**SERMON**

John 20:19-31

**Find Your Peace in Jesus' Hands**

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.



**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Father of glory, remember Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all Your baptized people to be bold witnesses of our Lord's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fount of wisdom everlasting, look in kindness upon our church, that all we undertake together may be to Your praise and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all, to Your care and protection we commend all our elected officials and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant them wisdom and honor as they carry out their responsibilities. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly King, Your Son promised that He does not break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick. Remember in mercy all who struggle with the darkness of doubt and despair, and bring to their hearts the peace of Your Son's resurrection victory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgiver of all our sin, You have given Your Church the keys of the Kingdom. Help all pastors to use them faithfully, that Your people's joy may overflow. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Healer, we commend to You all those who are in need of restoration, whether of body, soul or spirit [*especially remembering before You \_\_\_\_\_*]. Grant to them Your peace, that they may bear their sufferings with patience as they await Your gracious healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting One, receive our thanks this day for all who have fallen asleep in faith in Jesus Christ. Bring us to share with them the joys of the feast that never ends. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

## SERMON HYMN

165 (vs. 6-9) - O Sons and Daughters of the King

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|---|---|
| 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,<br>"My hands, my feet, my body see;<br>And doubt not, but believe in me."<br>Alleluia!   | 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen<br>And yet whose faith has constant been;<br>In life eternal they shall reign.<br>Alleluia! |
| 7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br>He saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br>"You are my Lord and God," he cried.<br>Alleluia! | 9 On this most holy day of days<br>To God your hearts and voices raise<br>In laud and jubilee and praise.<br>Alleluia!            |

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: GELDBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615, alt.

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



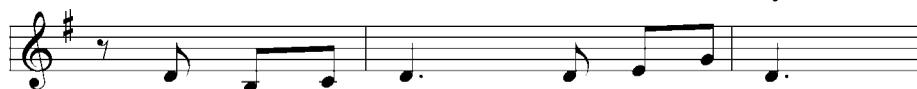
**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



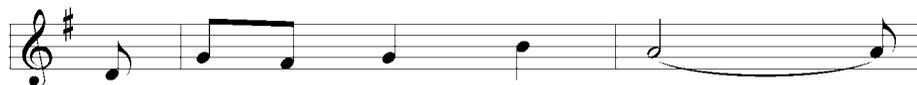
# Benediction

## CLOSING HYMN

## 756 - We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



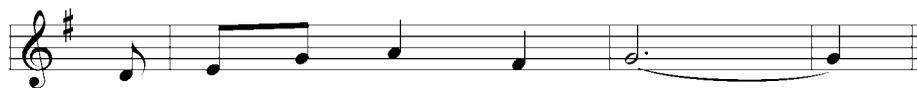
1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
2 We may not touch his hands and side  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,  
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear  
Nor fol - low where he trod,  
And may our faith a - bound  
Are found in means di - vine:  
In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But in his prom - ise we re - joice  
To call on you when you are near  
Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,  
We may be - hold you as you are



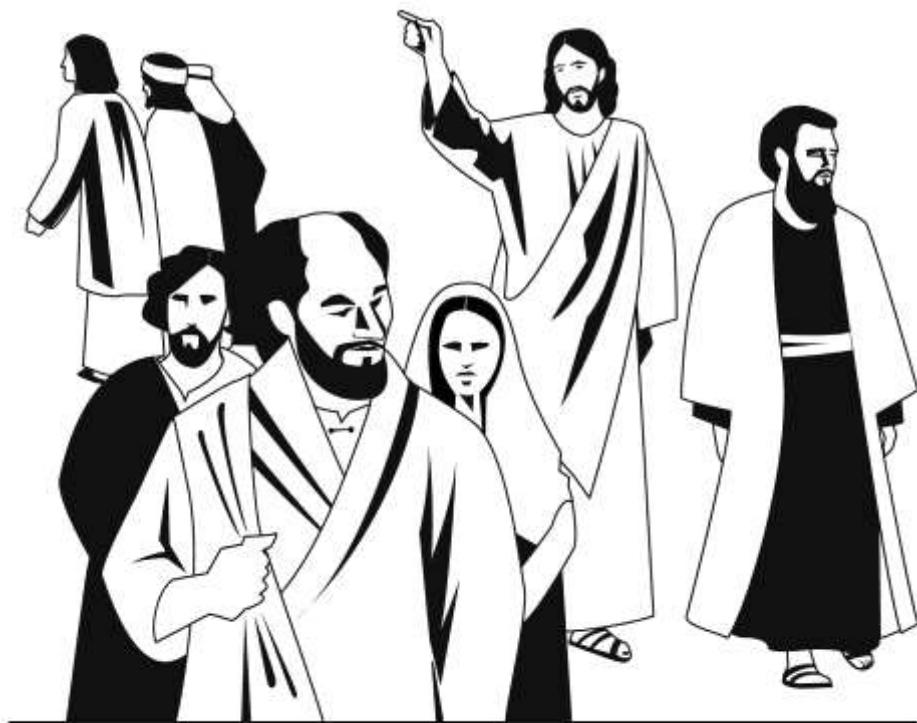
But we be - lieve him near.  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
And seek where you are found.  
Be - neath the bread and wine.  
With full and end - less sight.

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*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

WALK BY  
Faith,  
NOT BY  
sight.



Peace be with you.  
AS THE FATHER HAS  
**SENT ME,**  
—EVEN SO I AM—  
**SENDING YOU.**

John 20:21, ESV