

IN NOMINE IESU CHRISTI, AMEN!

APRIL 11, 2021 10:45 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION WITH THE RITE OF
CONFIRMATION

PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING HYMN

TLH 208 vv. 1-5

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1 Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee":
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 That night the Apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here":
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
 That Jesus had fulfilled His word,
 He doubted if it were the Lord:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the
 Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart
 and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching
 Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
 forgiveness. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

A And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

A Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable
 sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with
 which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy
 temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily
 sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray
 Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the
 holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy
 beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to
 me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a
 called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the
 grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
 command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your
 sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the
 Holy Ghost.

A Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: As newborn babes: desire the sincere milk of the Word. Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto Me. Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

GLORIA PATRI

A Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

A Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

A And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

COLLECT

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HOLY SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, ³⁵ and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and

declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

L Here ends the Epistle

A Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

A Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print

of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

So Hard to Believe!

John 20: 19-31

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen!

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GENERAL PRAYER

THE SOLEMN RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Solemn Vow of the Catechumens
The Welcome into Communicant Membership

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.
A And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
A We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
A It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly, meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: But Chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

A Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna in the highest!

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P Our Father who art in heaven ...

A For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION, PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A Amen. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A--men!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Our Confirmands will receive the Sacrament of the Altar today as the first table with their immediate family. They will be followed by our congregation. Please sign the Fellowship Folder and check the column "Attending Communion." Thank you.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

TLH 208 vv. 6-10

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

- 6 "Thomas, behold My side," saith He,
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;
"And doubt not, but believe in Me":
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 10 And we with holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of light:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION ENDED, ALL RISE AND CHANT:

A Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Is---ra-el. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

A And His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 338 vv1-2,4-5

Thine Forever, God of Love

- 1 Thine forever, God of Love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! O how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, Guardian, heav'nly Friend,
Oh, defend us to the end!
- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep.
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.
- 5 Thine forever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,

All our sins by Thee forgiven;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face
shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up
His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

A Amen, Amen, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

✠ ✠ ✠ Soli Deo Gloria! ✠ ✠ ✠

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

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