

Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 19, 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter

**Officiant & Preacher: The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard
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Prelude **Improvisation on O Filii et Filiae**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*
Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
All **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Hymn: O Sons and Daughters

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the-apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings hear, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My piercèd side, O Thomas see; behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:14-22-32

Reader A reading from the acts of the apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Please join on the even (bolded) verses of the psalm.

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**
⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**
¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Christ our Passover

Officiant Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
All **therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven,
the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!**
**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.**
**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**
**So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**
**Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**
**For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev'd Benjamin Gillard

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,

All **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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Intercessions and Prayers

Intercessions

Leader In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That isolated and persecuted churches, and all peoples, may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That by God's power, pandemics, wars, and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, the dying, and the bereaved, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon the whole church, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

Officiant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Officiant May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *We Walk By Faith*

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near, and seek you where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude Christ lag in Todesbanden, J.S. Bach

Announcements

Ministries for Children and Youth

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg has organized weekly lessons using Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For our youth, Elisabeth and Fr. Benjamin are hosting a weekly check-in over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at youth@stjohnsnorway.com.

Opportunities to Gather During the Week

Beginning after Easter, we will be offering two opportunities weekly to gather on Zoom for learning and fellowship. On Thursdays at 5:00 PM, Fr. Jeffrey and Fr. Benjamin will be holding a bible study. On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we will be holding "Happy almost-an-Hour!" Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! Both events are being organized using Zoom and can be accessed online or on the phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608).

Online Donations

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