



*The Second Sunday of Easter*

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## We Set Our Minds on the Things of God

Praise God that in Christ He is at work for your salvation. Peter describes God's saving work using strong action verbs. "He *has caused* us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Your imperishable, undefiled, unfading inheritance is "*kept* in heaven" by God for you (v. 4). And you, yourself, are "by God's power *being guarded* through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (v. 5). God is at work, so God gets the credit. Blessed be His name!

## PREPARATION

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

*1 Peter 1:3-5*

- P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- C** **According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again**
  
- P** To a living hope
- C** **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**
  
- P** By God's power
- C** **[We] are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

### Confession and Declaration of Grace

- P** Father of all mercy and grace,
- C** **We confess to You our sins of body, mind, spirit, and tongue. We readily acknowledge with our minds the victory of the Lord Jesus over death and the grave, but we so easily deny the power of His resurrection in our daily lives. We are sorry, and we want to do better. As Jesus came among His followers that night in the upper room, let Him now come among us speaking Your peace, breathing out Your Spirit, and granting us Your forgiveness, which He won for us by His dying and His rising again.**
  
- P** God has heard our confession and speaks peace to us in Jesus' name and forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

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1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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## PROCLAMATION

### Kyrie

1 Peter 1:3-9

- P** Your mercy causes us to be born again.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
  
- P** Your power guards us until the Last Day.
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
  
- P** Your salvation fills our hearts with inexpressible joy.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

### Salutation and Collect

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You are at work for us and for our salvation. Cause the action verbs of Your mercy and grace to have full effect in our lives, bringing us to the unending Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## First Reading

*Acts 5:29–42*

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:1–9*

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Romans 6:9, John 20:29b*

**G** **Alleluia. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more;  
 shield;  
 Thee;

Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

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**Sermon**

*Resurrection Redux*

## PRAYER

### Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Lord God, You are actively working for our good. Grant to all Your baptized children the fullness of Your grace that we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus as He leads us through the trials and temptations of this world into our everlasting inheritance with Him in His Kingdom. O Lord our God,
- C** **Blessed be Your name.**
- P** Lord God, wherever the followers of Jesus gather around the Word of God today, be present in their midst according to Your promise, be working in their lives according to Your power, and be filling them with Your Spirit to share Your absolution with all repentant sinners. O Lord our God,
- C** **Blessed be Your name.**

**P** Lord God, the leaders of our earthly societies are appointed by Your authority and serve at Your pleasure. Grant wisdom to all government officials—executive, legislative, and judicial—that Your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives with all honesty. O Lord our God,

**C** **Blessed be Your name.**

**P** Lord God, be near to the sick, the suffering, the injured, and the dying [*especially* . . .]. Come to them with words of peace. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit. Grant that through suffering their faith may be found genuine resulting in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. O Lord our God,

**C** **Blessed be Your name.**

**P** Lord God, Christ Jesus is risen from the grave. This gives us a sure and certain hope that all who have died with faith in Him You will raise to life in Him on the last day. Grant that we, too, may run our course with faith and be raised with all Your saints to life everlasting in the eternal Kingdom of Christ. O Lord our God,

**C** **Blessed be Your name.**

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



## In Thee Is Gladness

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1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
 2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of  
 sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the  
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- G** Amen.

## Announcements

**Birthdays** this week: Michael Reeves 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lee Edwards 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please continue to mail in your **tithes and offerings** to the church office during this time of self-isolation.

Council members, please respond to Alex regarding a Zoom **council meeting** tentatively set for 5:30 p.m.

“Did the soldiers wonder about Jesus in years to come? Surely, a Man of such power could have avoided the cross. But that wasn’t what Jesus was doing with His authority. He was in charge that night, because He was about the business of saving us. And now that He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we know that He is in charge of everything in heaven and earth—and we are safely His forever.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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