

**Worship Outline – Sunday, April 11, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**Reflections:** Peter Carr  
**Lay reader:** Alastair Pope  
**Prayers:** Alastair Pope  
**Moderator:** Nancy Wood  
**Organist:** Janet Kilpatrick

**Hymn: #231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright** (v.1&3)

That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
when to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

From every weapon death can wield,  
thine own redeemed forever shield;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, Christ is risen,  
**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**  
May his grace and peace be with you;  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*Please share a greeting with those around you.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, our beginning and our end: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **First reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

These are our sacred stories.

Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 133**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

## **Gospel:**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)

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. The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Homily:** Peter Carr

**Hymn:** #402 Come and Fill our hearts with your Peace (3 X)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

**Prayers of the People** Led by Alastair Pope

**Bidding: My Lord and my God!**

**Response: My Lord and My God!**

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Our faith in the risen Christ  
is bound to affect the way we live.*

Knowing that the risen Christ is here among us,  
let us pray in his name  
for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your blessing  
on every group of Christians worshipping today  
all over the world;  
and we pray for all who doubt your truth.  
We pray that our hearts may be set ablaze  
with love,  
and that we may walk as children of light.

*Silence*

My Lord and my God!  
**My Lord and my God!**

Father, we pray for all the areas of your world  
which are torn apart by hatred and violence,  
famine, disease, or religious differences;  
we pray for an end to war  
and a deeper commitment to peace.

*Silence*

My Lord and my God!  
**My Lord and my God!**

Father, we pray for those who face family rejection  
if they become Christians,  
and for all families divided by beliefs  
or persecuted for their faith.  
We pray for the children of our church  
that they may grow up strong in the faith  
with good role models to guide them.

*Silence*

My Lord and my God!  
**My Lord and my God!**

Father, we pray for those who wake up  
to the prospect of another day filled with pain;  
for those who long for someone  
to spend time with them, enjoying their company;  
and we pray for sight that notices needs.

*Silence*

My Lord and my God!  
**My Lord and my God!**

Father, we pray for those who mourn,  
and we pray for those they love and miss,  
commending all who have died  
to the everlasting arms of the God of love,  
in whom there is life in all its fullness.

*Silence*

My Lord and my God!  
**My Lord and my God!**

Father, with joy in our hearts we thank you  
for the new life opened up to us  
through Jesus, our Redeemer.

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

**Those in need:** Margaret, David, Wendy, Barbara, Alex, Michelle, Anne, George, Stephen, Jane, Sari, Paul, Marion, Gregg, Logan, Dianne, Ken, Bill, Pam, Ardene, Don, Rick C, Pearl, Karen, Patti, Steve, Nick, Jim, Judy, Louis, Alex, Gloria, Vicki, Jessica, Cathy, Bryan, Penny, Brian, Kristin, Betty.

**Those in our parish:** Heather O'Connor, Kaarina Pakka, Betty Palmer, Joan & Peter Parent

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Christopher, Burlington, our parish of St. Elizabeth, our rector Susan, and our Bishop Susan Bell.

**In the World Wide Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

## **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, this day, our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, Amen, Amen**

## **Confession and Absolution**

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world

## **Children's Focus**

### **Doxology**      *(Sung twice)*

Glory to God, 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**

### **Closing Hymn: #210 Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTXUsKFecJs>

## **Dismissal**

You are witnesses to the resurrection; you are messengers of the gospel. Go forth to tell the good news, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all.

We are witness and we will go forth to share the Good News. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Social hour: Includes announcements, birthdays and special occasions**