

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

Hymnal p. 205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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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THE OPENING SENTENCE

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*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE GLORIA

**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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for the lessons*

FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:14a,22-32*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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."

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

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.

The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Jahn 20: 19-31*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord 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 the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Fr. Walker

*Silence may be kept after the sermon*

*All Stand, as able*

THE NICENE CREED

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**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Saying together **Roscoe, Josephine, Larry, Bill, Gisela, Catherine, James, John, Susan, Corwin, Beth, Mickey, Casey, Sally, Marsha, Chester, Terry, Paula, Betty, Teresa, Jimmy, Marsha, Jamesen, Billy, Jimmy, and all those on our long term prayer list.** Are there others? (Please add the names of others either silently or aloud)

In thanksgiving we pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming week, especially **Diane Dickerson (19), Rob Bole (21).**

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad especially those listed on our military prayer list. We pray also for their families, friends, and neighbors who await their safe return.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our sister church, St. Gabriel's and St. George's in Asheville. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Ireland.

We pray for our missionaries and their work in the world, for **Russ and Heidi Smith in Chile, John and Zsófi Wilson in Hungary, Daniel & Rachel Aytes in Thailand, and Jim & Jennifer Bowers in Mali.**

We pray for St. Francis Day School, and for its students and teachers and their families, that they may grow in stature and wisdom, and in the knowledge and love of your grace and truth.

A Prayer for our Time of Transition

**O God, as we proceed through this interim time, we confidently rely upon your Holy Presence to guide us, and we are thankful for the many blessings you have bestowed upon St. Francis Church.**

**May we use this time well to discern your will for us in our reading of Sacred Scripture, in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist, through our sensitivity to one another, in our personal meditation and prayer, and through our sharing with others in fellowship.**

**We ask this, Lord of our lives, through your son Jesus, and through your Holy Spirit, who teaches us how to pray, and how to live together in peace forever. Amen.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### The Doxology

*As the offering is presented at the altar the people say*

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord

***People:* and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer p. 367

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

INVITATION TO THE EUCHARIST FOR THOSE AT HOME (may be said during communion)

**In union with the faithful of every generation and especially with those present at Saint Francis Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer my own thanks and praise to You, my Lord and my God. I present my mind, soul and body towards heaven with the earnest intention of being present in spirit with those who call You, Lord of all. I remember Your death and resurrection and I await Your coming in glory. I unite myself with those gathered at your altar and embrace You with all my heart, knowing that nothing can ever separate Your love from me. May I live, move and have my being in Your loving presence. Amen**

(prayer adapted from the Armed Services Prayer Book by Fr. Walker+)

COMMUNION HYMN

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*

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*Descant*

*Refrain*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*Repeat Refrain*

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER  
*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Let us pray.  
*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*This joyful Eastertide*

Hymnal p. 192

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

Priti, Kate, Zoey, Courtney, Tom, Addison, James, Jeff, Tina, Charles, Starry, James, Julie, Nichole, Chuck, Bill, Thomas, Mary, Jamie, Tammy, John, Jessica, Remi, Erik, the Wood Family, Thomas, Glen, Carletta, Steve, Christy, Gus, Ken, Rose, Melissa, Madilyn, Dorothy, Katherine, Brandon, Mike, Jess, Daniel, Brooke, Sophia, Lane, Mary, Al, Jessica, Sara, Carl , John Scott & family, Barbara, Leslie, Larry, Joann, Meagan, Owen, Eli, Barbara, Rebecca, Dick, Robin, Valerie, Ed, David, Keith, Jessie, Holly, Mike, Nancy, Ginger, Bobbie, Crystal, David, Fatima, Elaine, Penny, Carrie, Mark, Ben, Samuel, Lonnie, Scott, Tom, Lauren, Craig, Rosie, Susan, Santos, Mike, Houston, Joe, the Greenway family, Amanda, Dylan, Drake, Jenny, James, Scott, Kristen, the Allen family, Peter, Katherine, Deanna, Debbie, Luke, Tyler, Bob, Trinity, Tony, Lucy, Diana, Susan, Andrew, Jennifer, Marlene, Gene, Madeline, Mark, Mayden, Dakota, Eubanks family, Vicki, William, Brenda, Nancy, Bob, Justin, Nancy, the Deviney family, Anna, Grayson, Jackie, Billy, Ricky, Tabitha, Chad, Deborah, Brandon, Margie, Bonita, Jenna, Seth, Mary, Scott, Mary, Joanne, Jennifer, Clara, Judy, Gary, Betsie, Skip, Joyce, Kevin, John, Susan, Jill, Charles, Chad, Geoffrey, David, Caleb, Christian, Dean, Bobby, Maria, James, Emily, the Leverette family, Laura, Robin, Cindy, Amberleigh, McKayleigh, Ayden, Paisley, Susan, Chad, Sue, Michael, Mary, Ann, Andrea, Cathy, Bud, Mary, Sydnor, Bob, Beth, Karen, Joe, Valerie, Tyler, Larissa, Alex, Noreen, Marion, Spencer, Casey, Danny, Patrick, Kathryn, Christy, Bella, Derek, Bob, John, Jesse, Martha, Jerry, Bobby, Roger, Jimmy, Linda, Betty, Paula, Donna, Gordon, Cullin, Lisa, Will, Tammy Jo, Pam, Ken, Janet, David, Lillian, David, Ken, Lee, Jack, Kaylin, Paula, Bob, Trish, Daphne, Chris, Karmen, Devon, Gary, Janice, Laura, Celia, Daniel, Wayne, Annie, Bob, Paden, Mike, Linda, Nicole, Ryan, Scott, Helen, Kathy, Jo, Paula, Theresa, Cindy, Jane, Lori, Renee, Ed, Pat, Brian, AJ, Emily, Mary, Makenzie, Mike, Elaine, Tony, Elizabeth, Paula, Jennifer, Morgan, Danielle.