

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM

APRIL 11, 2021



St. John's Episcopal Church
Four Fountain Square
Larchmont, NY

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship.

For everyone's safety and comfort, we thank you for following all safety guidelines, including wearing a face covering at all times, maintaining appropriate social distance, use of hand sanitizer, etc.

If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to our clergy or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones.

Visit our website for our full schedule of our worship services (stjohnslarchmont.org).

If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with a priest when the office is closed, you may contact the Rev. Lisa Mason on her personal cell phone at (210) 854-4811.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

If you are attending the service in person, please remember that there is no singing except by the soloist.

Make sure your audio setting on Zoom is now in the "mute" setting. Respond out loud at home to all the responses just as if we were in church together.

Let us take three deep breaths and center ourselves in the present moment. Relax and release some of your stress as we make ourselves available to God so God can be more available to us. Consider sharing your specific concerns, silently or aloud, during the Prayers of the People.

**READ ALOUD AT HOME ALL THE PARTS IN BOLD
WHILE YOUR MIC IS MUTED.**

PRELUDE

HYMN 192

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Vreuchten

(verses 1 and 2))

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lord of all life, from ill
my passing life deliver.

Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

***All* Amen.**

GLORIA

All

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,

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.

All

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:32-35

All are seated.

Diane Oldham A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

Phil Oldham The portion of the Psalter appointed for this morning is from Psalm 133. Let us read it responsively by the half-verse.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

Diane Oldham A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Rev. Dorothy ✠ 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.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa Mason

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing as a reader bids the prayers.

Phil Oldham 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Ann, April, Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Caitlin, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, Dotty Lee, Ellen, Eric, George, Harold, Patricia, Peggy, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, and Tom, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Lisa The Peace of Christ be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All 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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children 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:

All **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.

Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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 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.

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **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

Rev. Dorothy May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ,
born of our sister Mary and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the
world as a mother broods over her children, be upon you and remain
with you always.
People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #187

Through the Red Sea brought at last *Straf mich nicht*

Through the Red Sea brought at last,
Egypt's chains behind we cast.
Deep and wide
flows the tide
severing us from bondage past, Alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead,
through the billows Israel led,
by his tomb
Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, Alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea
buried and baptized were we.
Earthly night
brought us light
which is ours eternally, Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Rev. Dorothy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Liturgical Ministers Today

Rector
Priest Associate
Director of Music
Lector
Intercessor

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason
The Rev. Dorothy A. Greene
Dr. Paul-Martin Maki
Diane Oldham
Phil Oldham

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of:**

*Robert "Bob" Hiden, Jr.
by Elizabeth Hiden*

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of:**

*Ann Hiden, on the occasion of her birthday,
by Elizabeth Hiden*

*Join us after the service for our Virtual Coffee Hour
Followed By Adult Formation:
Rev. Lisa and Rev. Dorothy
will lead us as we take an exploration into the parables
that Jesus told as part of his teaching.*