

## Second Sunday of Easter

### INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **690** *Celebration Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp  
the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are  
afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow  
to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us ✠ our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.*

**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.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

Almighty Father, you have given your only  
Son to die for our sins and to rise again for  
our justification: grant us so to put away the  
leaven of malice and wickedness that we may  
always serve you in pureness of living and  
truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A

FIRST READING

*Acts 2.14,22-32*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his  
voice and addressed them:

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus  
of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God  
with mighty works and wonders and signs  
that God did through him in your midst, as  
you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered  
up according to the definite plan and  
foreknowledge of God, you crucified and  
killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised  
him up, loosing the pangs of death, because  
it was not possible for him to be held by it.  
For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the  
Lord always before me, for he is at my right  
hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my  
heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my  
flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not  
abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy  
One see corruption. You have made known to  
me the paths of life; you will make me full of  
gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence  
about the patriarch David that he both died

and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 16*

*R.* You show me, Lord, the path of endless life.

*(All repeat)*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you;  
I say to the Lord, ‘You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.’ *R.*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight;  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *[R.]*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. *R.*

O Lord, you will show me the path of life;  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
and at your right hand  
are pleasures for evermore. *R.*

SECOND READING

*1 Pet 1.3–9*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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 honour 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN— **68**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 20.29*

**Alleluia.** Jesus said, ‘Do you believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Jn 20.19–31*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

*All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.*

**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,**

*(all bow)* **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

*(all rise)* **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

∨. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or ∨. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

∨. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;  
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions may end:*

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

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN— **100**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Receive, Lord, the offering of your people, so that, confessing your name and cleansed in the waters of baptism, we may come to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*  
**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.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying, you destroyed our death;  
rising, you restored our life.**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*  
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*  
**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.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*  
Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*  
Lord God our Father, through our Saviour  
Jesus Christ you have assured your children  
of eternal life and in baptism have made us  
one with him: deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love, in the fel-  
lowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was  
raised from the dead, open to you who be-  
lieve the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**  
God the Son, who in bursting the grave has  
won a glorious victory, give you joy as you  
share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord  
breathed into his disciples, empower you  
and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN—**112**

*The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.*  
**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.**  
**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

∇. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:  
℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection  
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought  
joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that  
through the intercession of his mother the  
Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of  
eternal life; through the same Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**