

Second Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. This first Sunday after Easter we are going to take a look at what the disciples were experiencing on the evening after Jesus was raised to life and the following week. We will see how Jesus steps in to calm their fears. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle. They will be collected after the offering.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich

Organist: Bonnye Wenzel

Usher Captain: Sonny De La Garza

Elders: Jason Bussey & Tom White

Acolytes: Jonathon Hurst & Eli Marlard

Offering Counter: Quin Hanson

Greeters: Ima Roberts & Charla Rudd

Trustee: Kerry Kensing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — "The Day of Resurrection" # 478

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is there in.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

r All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in oh His love for me; Oh His love for me

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed, I’m a child of God yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me; Yes He died for me
Chorus 1 and Chorus 2

Chorus 2: In my Father’s house there’s a place for me, I’m a child of God yes I am.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“Who You Say I Am” Repeat everything from first time

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am
Chorus 1 and Chorus 2 twice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Acts 5:29-42

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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; ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ 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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading — *John 20:19-31*

⁹ 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." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed

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.

SONG — "I Will Rise"

**There's a peace I've come to know
though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well"**

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead

Chorus: And I will rise when He calls my name no more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings before my God fall on my knees
And rise— I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes

Pre-Chorus and Chorus

Bridge: And I hear the voice of many angels sing; Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart; Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing; Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart;
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb Chorus

Ending: I will rise

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MESSAGE – *Peace in the Midst of Chaos!* – John 20:19-31

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnhamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

HYMN — “When Peace Like a River” # 763

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
Refrain

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.
Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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 ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN — “Beautiful Savior” # 537

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

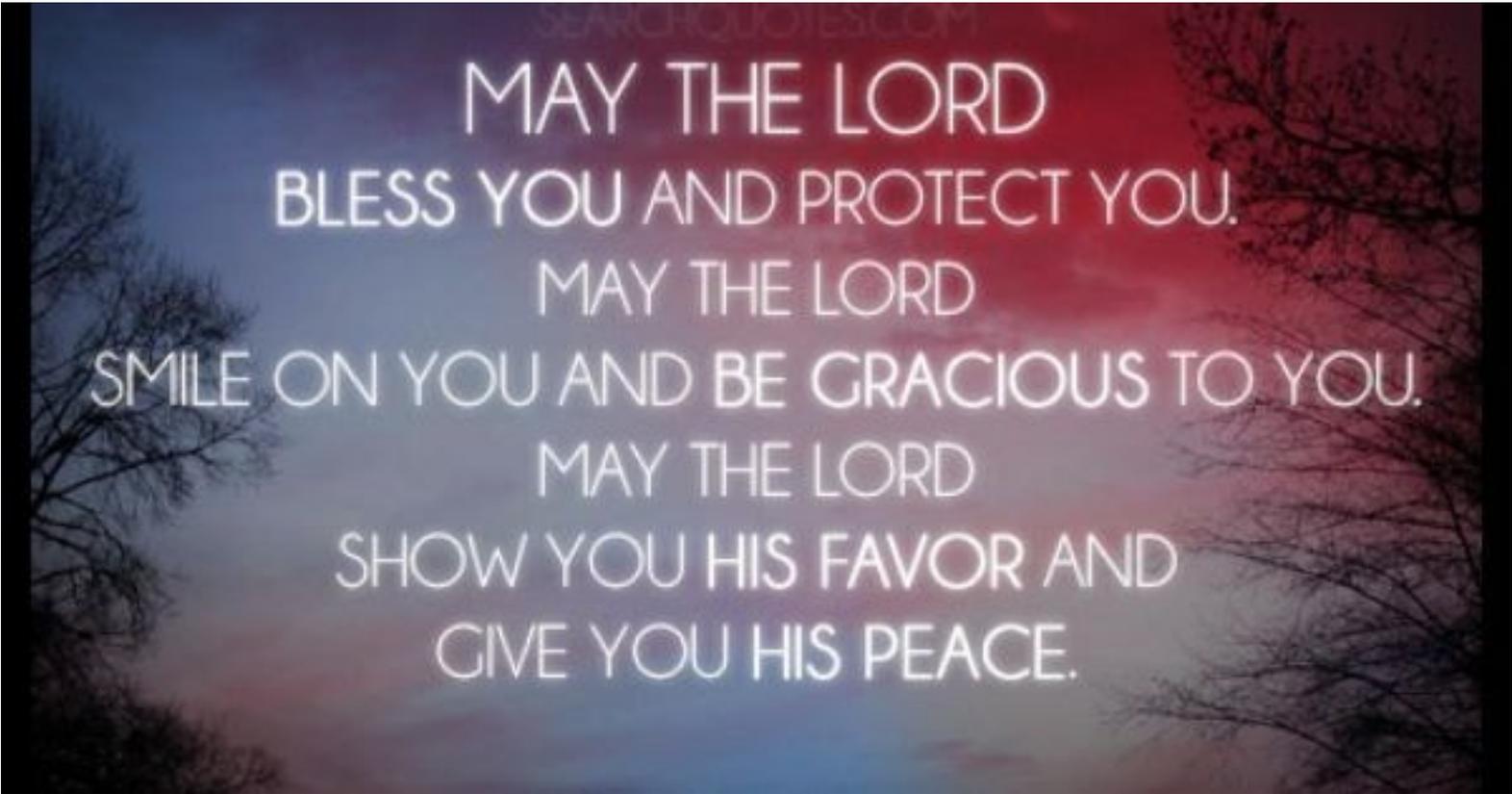
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

(continued on back)

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forever more be Thine!**

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MAY THE LORD
SMILE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.
MAY THE LORD
SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR AND
GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.**