



Saint George's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627
Christ lag in todesbanden, BWV 625

J.S. Bach

Hymn 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

Salutation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord
God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir-it, In the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

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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.**

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,22-32

The people are seated.

Lector: 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."

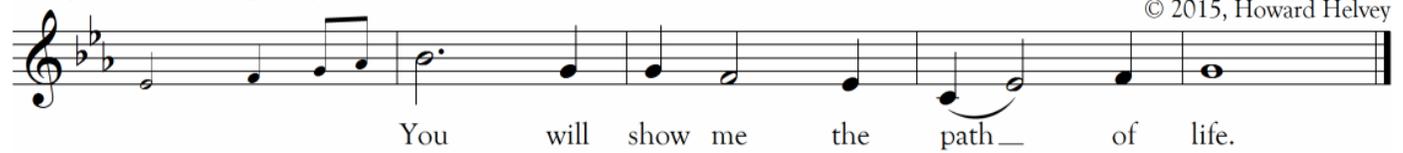
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

Choir first, then all sing antiphon as indicated.



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."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the
land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

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.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector: 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

St. Botolph

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence

The Rev. Elizabeth Locher

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

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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.

Prayers of the People

written by Elliot Branch

During these Great Fifty Days of Easter, we offer prayers of gratitude for the gift of your Son, whose perfect sacrifice triumphed over sin and death. In the newness of life, we pray that each of us may be one of your gifts to the Church and the world.

For all nations and all peoples of the world: that may we grow in our tolerance and understanding of each other so that we may come to dwell in Christ as He dwells in us.

Lord, in your triumph,
Hear our prayer

For the ministry of the Body of Christ, ordained and lay: that we may spread the good news of the Resurrection through our faith and through our lives.

Lord, in your triumph,
Hear our prayer

For the earth and all of its creatures: that we may treasure them as you treasure the whole of your creation.

Lord, in your triumph,
Hear our prayer

For the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and all who struggle to give voice to their needs and to obtain justice: may we see Christ in them as He sees himself in us.

Lord, in your triumph,
Hear our prayer

For those who are in need of healing – physical, spiritual, or emotional, especially [...]: that they may experience the healing power of the Resurrection.

Lord, in your triumph,
Hear our prayer

For those who have entered into your eternal rest, especially [...]: that they may receive a full measure of your triumph over sin and death.

Lord, in your triumph,
Hear our prayer

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you know what we desire before we ask and you always provide what we need. Answer these prayers and the prayers of our hearts as may be best for us and for your creation, and always to the glory of your Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin may be omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia Round

William Boyce

Presentation Hymn

Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that still a-bounds: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv- ing!" Sing, choirs of an- gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo-ry here: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv- ing!" Al-le - lu- ia, al-le - lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

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The following is sung:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And al-so 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.**

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor (*Used on Sundays as needed*)

Celebrant: We send you out to share this Holy Communion with N _____. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Go forth in the name of Saint George's bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go may experience the majesty and mystery of Christ's presence through the sharing of the bread and wine. May you carry the prayers of all of us.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Gelobt sei Gott

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

J.S. Bach

All are invited coffee hour in the parish hall.
(Exit left of the pulpit and proceed straight ahead)

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