



The Second Sunday of Easter

23 April AD 2017

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*
Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*

Welcome to Ascension!

For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table by the Church Office door.

A nursery for children up through age three is available all morning in the Main Building, Room 2.

Please silence your audible devices.

*Within the service, the people read the parts in **bold print**.*

Welcome and Announcements

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The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

1 Peter 1:3-9

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time. You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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We Walk by Faith

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20:19-31].

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven." Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*

The Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy,
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People

Prayers are invited, either silently or aloud. After each spoken prayer, a gong will sound.

Concluding Prayer

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.

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

The Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God. through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
 God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray:

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 181

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and the Cup are given with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you.

Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest – this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.

If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

*As our Savior Christ has taught us, we
are bold to say:*

Our Father in heaven,
holy is your Name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*, p.
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Healing Prayers: If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex to the right of the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.

When there is a Eucharistic Visitor present

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.

Let us pray.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Jesus and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

Hymnal 1982 376

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Joyful, joyful we adore thee". It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "I Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love; hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv -". The chords are indicated above the vocal line: G, D, G, D, G, C, G, D, G, D, G, B7, Em, A, D, G.

er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 center of unbroken praise:
 field and forest, vale and mountain,
 blooming meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain,
 call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living,
 ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

The Peace

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

The Priest and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, then move to the narthex for refreshment and fellowship.
Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for Sandy Boynton, John Carman, Carol Clark, Mary Davidock, John Dubrovich, Elinor Etienne, Joseph Ellis, Kirk Fitch, Sally Glick, William Glick, James Harris, Christine Kroma, Margaret Mirin, Al and Julie Pittman, Warren Porter, Home Reitwiesner, Nancy Snee, Fran Spina, Tom Thiele, Suzanne Winterhalter, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am Leslie Sanya 9:00 am John Pruessner Gordon Donnelly 11:15 am Anne Brink	David Burton Marsha Sutherland Susan McLaughlin Avin Lalmansingh
Prayers	7:45 am Leslie Sanya 9:00 am Christian Simpson	David Burton Chris Ruggieri
Chalicians	7:45 am Jason Cutshall Leslie Sanya 9:00 am Winsome Palmer Jake Yalley-Ogunru 11:15 am Georgana Maines Rimie Sicard	Sharon Hayden Enid Cole Margaret Tellu Major Clemens Kirk Fitch Anika Lalmansingh
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am Janet King 9:00 am Randy Lord-Wilkinson 11:15 am Peg Ruppel	Jason Cutshall Jason Cutshall Laura Shay
Acolytes	7:45 am Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas 9:00 am Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson Paul Whitmore	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Kofi Kwamena-Poh Richard McFarland Gary McLaughlin
Welcome Team	7:45 am Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock 9:00 am Swithin Kwamena-Poh Kevin Blanc Algernon Thomas 11:15 am Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi	Florence Sirleaf Meredith Horan Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson
Altar Guild	7:45 a.m. Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis 9:00 a.m. Sarah Gallagher 11:15 a.m. Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh	Georgette Dennis TBA Laura Shay
Song Leader	11:15 a.m. Clarie Morin	Clarie Morin
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m. Wadai Dennis 9:00 a.m. Ron & Jan Hauber 11:15 a.m. Rose Buck	Hawa Clemens Doret Sutherland Jeff Buck
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services	7:45 a.m. Team	9:00 a.m Team
Eucharistic Visitors	Meredith Horan	Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Flower Delivery	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens	Eliane Dunn-Johnson Alice Padmore



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