

Holy Communion

(Be seated while you wait to be called forward to receive Christ's body and blood. Due to Covid-19, the pastor will hand you a host and you are encouraged to dip it into the chalice. There will be no individual cups or drinking from the chalice. To only receive the bread is also a full reception of the Lord's Supper. We will alternate which side comes forward. Pulpit side first, then lectern side. Please keep 6 feet apart while waiting in the center aisle. The pastor will wash his hands and wear a mask during distribution.)

Music During Communion

Post-Communion Cantic ~ LBW p. 72 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*

(We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. In this song or chant, we offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and promised to do for us in the future.)

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

(In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.)

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 74

(We stay standing as the assistant minister offers a prayer of thanksgiving and petition that God will grant us faith to love our neighbor. The pastor then extends God's blessing across us and our lives.)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #144 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

(We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God's word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)

Dismissal

(We stay standing, facing the back of the church. The assisting minister concludes the service and sends us forth into the world.)

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11 – The Second Sunday of Easters

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Council meeting

Monday, April 12

7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, April 18 – The Second Sunday of Easters

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Jane Almquist, Deaconess

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Martin Jones, Organ Scholar

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator

Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Tim and Kristen Baker, Bright Igwenagu

Carolyn Hokanson, Mary Magana

Rob Douglass

Karen Douglass

Alister McClanahan

Evan McClanahan

Martin Jones

Mary Kay Buehler

Ushers

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister

Server/Crucifer

Acolyte

Liturgist, Preacher

Organist

Choir Director



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 11, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p. 56 *(stand)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir)*

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. "Introit" means "to enter." Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW #132 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 57

(Staying standing, the assisting minister leads us in chant as we ask God for mercy, unity, and peace for ourselves, our church, and all people.)

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 60 ~ *This is the Feast*

(Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 21

(The pastor offers an appointed prayer based upon the scripture readings of the day).

Pastor: Let us pray ...

Congregation: Amen.

(Be seated.)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)

First Lesson ~ Acts 4:32-35

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.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

The Second Lesson ~ 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

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.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual (Cantor)

The Gospel Lesson ~ John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day #488 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

DURHAM

(We stand and sing a hymn that reflects the words of the readings and sermon).

Prayers of the People

(The assistant minister leads us in prayer for our church, the sick and suffering, our community, and the world. We place trust in our loving God, especially for places and situations beyond our control).

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 65

The Greeting of Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)

Choral Anthem

(Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #128 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

vs. 1 & 4

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 68 (traditional)

(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 69

Eucharistic Prayer #31 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 70

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 71

(Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW Hymn #103 *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)