

April 26, 2020

Lectionary Year A

The Opening Hymn

Hymnal 199, v. 1 and 2

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

The responses of the people are in italics.

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Father Roger Grist

The Summary of the Law

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The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God

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.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Pew Bible 1693

A Reading from Acts 2:36-47 (with verse 2:14a as an introduction).

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 116:11-16

¹¹ What shall I give unto the LORD for all the benefits that he has done unto me? ¹² I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD. ¹³ I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people; dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid; you have broken my bonds asunder. ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the Name of the LORD. ¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

The Second Reading

Pew Bible 1887

A Reading from 1 Peter 1:13-25.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Pew Bible 1644

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:13-35. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.*

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The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.* [Repeat this response after "Lord, in your mercy."]

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

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The Peace

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

The Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 206

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King, o'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Final Ending:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

The Sursum Corda

Lift up your hearts

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Agnus Dei

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 Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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The Closing Hymn

Hymnal 182, v. 1 and 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Organist

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