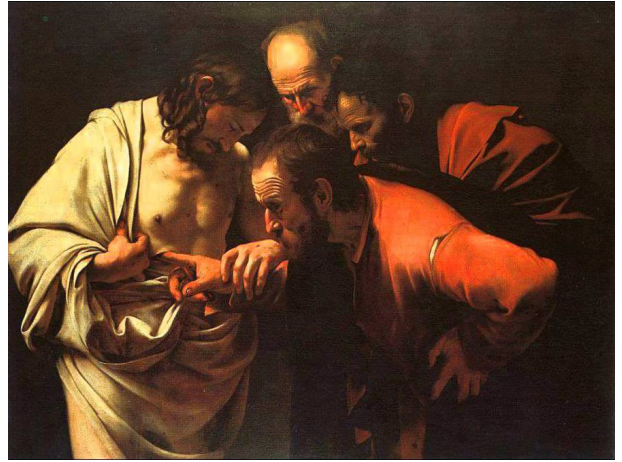


**SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Meditation:** “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

C.S. Lewis



**BELL PRELUDE** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Allelulia*  
Meg Becker, Robin Bowerman, Susan Day, Jolie Drury,  
Carol Mills, Greg Mills

**OPENING HYMN** *Thine Is the Glory*

Thine is the glory risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the rolled graveclothes where thy body lay.  
*Refrain:* Thine is the glory risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Christ now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home  
above. *Refrain*

**WELCOME**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is a new day. The day of the risen Christ!

**Christ lives in our hearts and in our world.**

Christ lives. Let us love our neighbors!

**Christ lives. Let us share God's abundance.**

Christ lives. Let us rejoice!

**Christ lives. Let us worship God!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Source of all goodness, we know we have been blessed with abundant opportunities. Everything necessary for life in all its fullness has been made available to us. We admit we do not always recognize your presence around us, and we do not always live into the opportunities you have provided. Help us to try harder and do better. Pour out on us now, we pray, an extra measure of your spirit to expand our vision, enlarge our dreams, and help us to speak and live**

Kyra Cole

**your truth. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray, saying, *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.***

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**    *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**SCRIPTURE READING**    John 20:19-31

Linda Dalton

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.

**MESSAGE**    "Faith's Lonely Twin"

## **MORNING PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Clarke