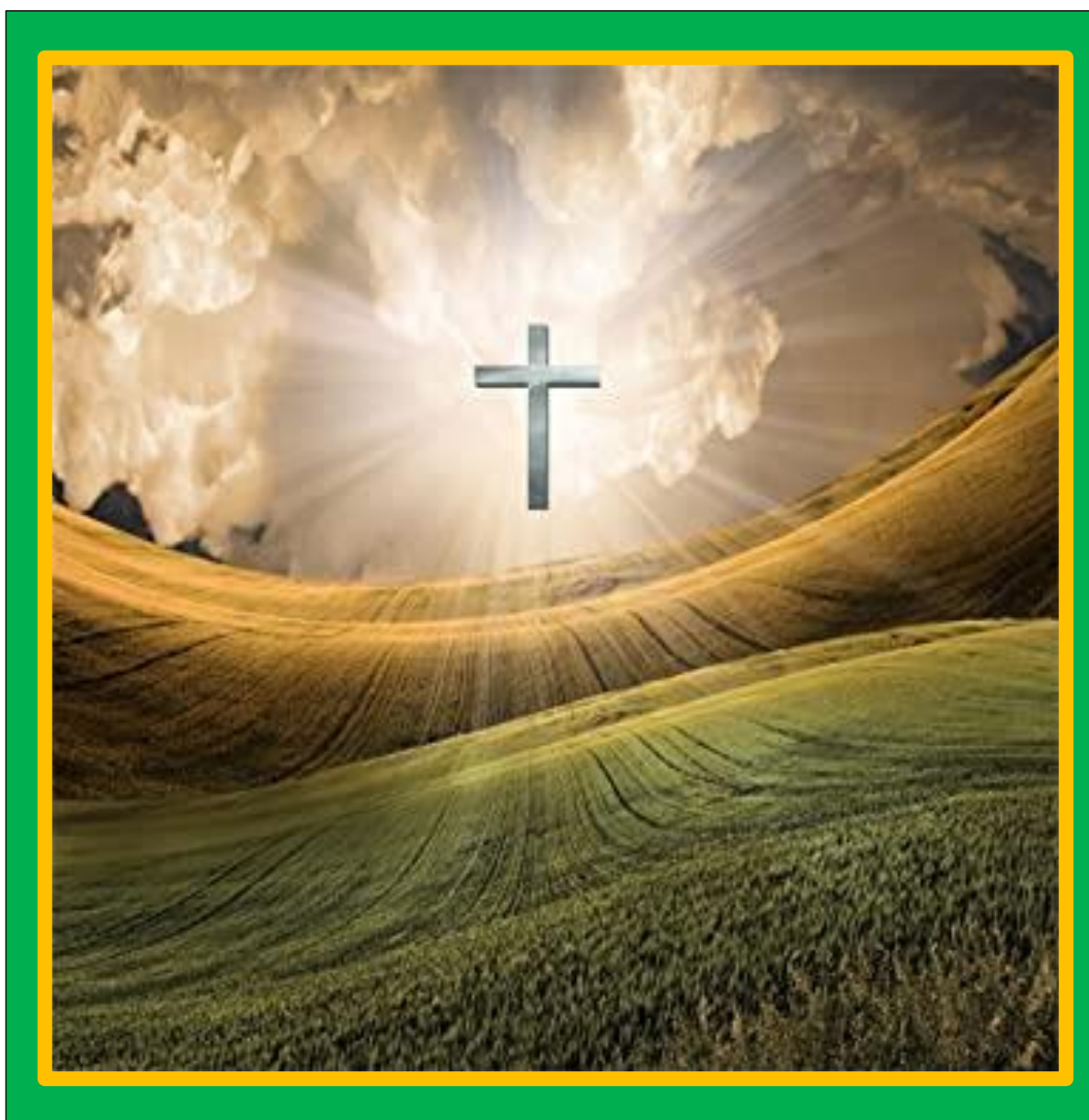


# ***Second Sunday of Easter***

**April 24, 2022    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

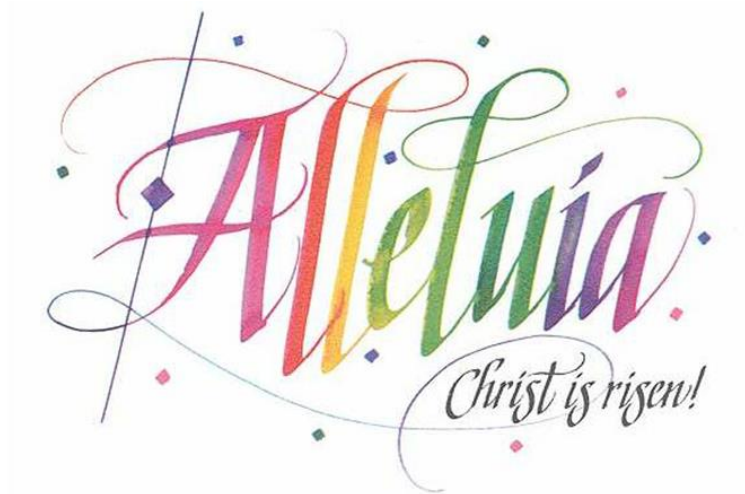
**Prelude**      *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*      Lisa D.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Proclamation

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Alleluia! Christ *is* risen! The Lord is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!**



## ***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain***

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Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought 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 has burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From the Light to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons,  
Bright with the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strain  
Jesus' resurrection!

**Text:** John of Damascus; tr. John Mason Neale, alt. **Music:** Johann Horn; arr. hymnal version.  
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Response: *And also with you.***

**Canticle of Praise**

ELW, pages 149-150

**Refrain:****This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are his.     **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.



## Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading – Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, *We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.* But Peter and the apostles answered, *We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

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## **Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

## **Second Reading – Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who

pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. *I am the Alpha and the Omega*, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***



## Gospel Acclamation

*These Things Did Thomas  
Count As Real*

Thomas H. Troeger

These things did Thomas count as real:  
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

The vision of his skeptic mind  
Was keen enough to make him blind  
To any unexpected act  
Too large for his small world of fact.



**Gospel – John 20:19-31**

**Response: *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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

*These Things Did Thomas  
Count As Real*

Thomas H. Troeger

His reasoned certainties denied  
That one could live when one had died,  
Until his fingers read like Braille  
The markings of the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe  
And thus the risen Christ receive,  
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out  
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

**Sermon**

*Believing Is Seeing*

Pastor Mandsager

***Now the Green Blade Rises***

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Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
 Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
 Love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
 Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
 Thinking that he would never wake again,  
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
 Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
 He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
 Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
 Your touch can call us back to life again,  
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
 Love is come again like wheat arising green.

**Text:** John MacLeod Campbell Crum; **Music:** French carol. Text © Oxford University Press.

**Nicene Creed**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.

### **Prayers of the Church**

Sundays and Seasons, alt.

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

### **Offertory**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Lisa D.

## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

### **Invitation**

### **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Communion Distribution**

**Communion Song**      *Lamb of God*      ELW, page 154

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, grant us peace.

## Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## *Thine Is the Glory*

ELW 376

Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where thy body lay.

## Refrain:

**Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won!**

Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
 Risen from the tomb!  
 Lovingly he greets thee,  
 Scatters fear and gloom;  
 Let his church with gladness  
 Hymns of triumph sing,  
 For the Lord now liveth;  
 Death hath lost its sting!     **Refrain:**

No more we doubt thee,  
 Glorious Prince of life;  
 Life is naught without thee;  
 Aid us in our strife;  
 Make us more than conqu'rors,  
 Through thy deathless love;  
 Bring us safe through Jordan  
 To thy home above.     **Refrain:**

**Text:** Edmond Budry, tr. R. Birch Hoyle **Music:** George Frideric Handel.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

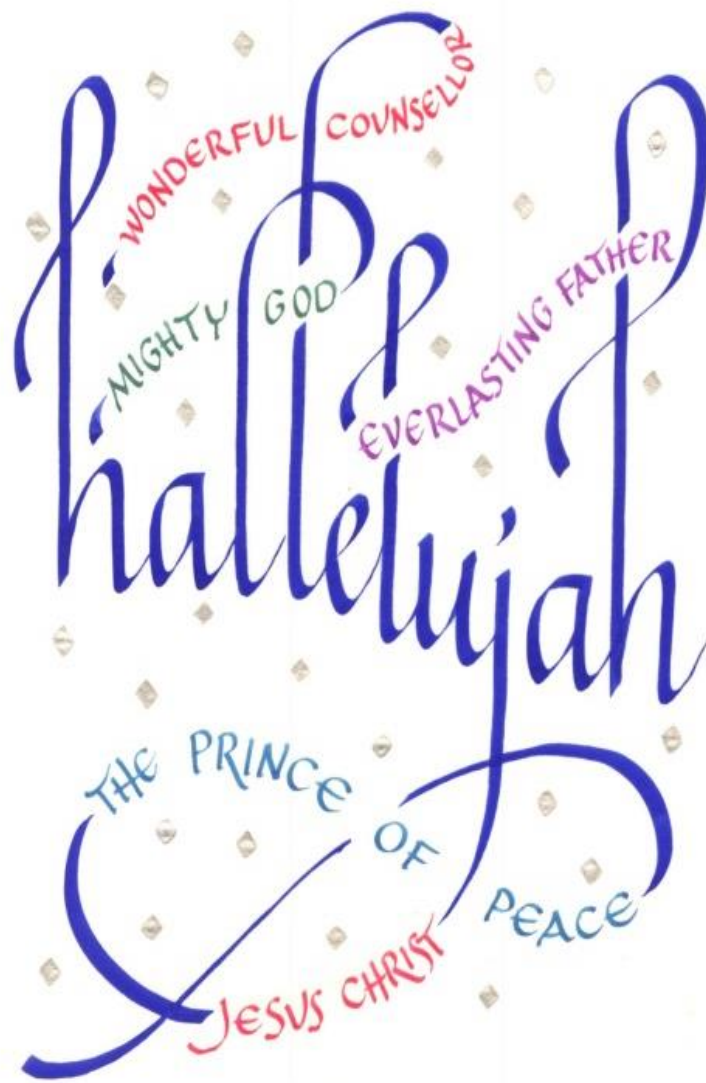
***Response: Thanks be to God.***

## **Postlude**

*Good Christian Friends,  
 Rejoice and Sing*

Rhonda R.





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