

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.



***He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
Alleluia!***

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Order of Worship

Brass Ensemble

***These Things Did Thomas
Count As Real***

Thomas H. Troeger

Prelude

*These Things Did Thomas
Count As Real*

Marilyn J.

Gospel of John 20:19-31

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.

You Servants of God

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You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
 And publish abroad his wonderful name;
 The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
 His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Our God rules on high, almighty to save;
 And still he is nigh, he presence we have.
 The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
 Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King!

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
 Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

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Then let us adore and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Text: Charles Wesley, alt.; **Music:** Johann M. Haydn, adapt.

Proclamation

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

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

Prayer of the Day

St. Andrew's
Anglican Church, Aberfeldie

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 35:1-7;10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of

our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, *Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.*

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert... And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Sermon

Pr. Kristina

Hymn of Promise

TUMH 707

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

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There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt, there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Offering/Offertory *Son of God, Eternal Savior* LBW 364

As you, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted;
 Freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver,
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 We but stewards of your bounty
 Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By your patient years of toiling,
 By your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.

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The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



HOLY COMMUNION



Invitation

The bread and wine of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Come, eat and live! **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

THE MEAL

Communion Song

Hallelujah!
We Sing Your Praises

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Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.**

Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread,

I am wine, I am bread,

Give to all who thirst and hunger. **Refrain:**

Now he sends us all out,

Strong in faith, free of doubt,

Strong in faith, free of doubt.

Tell to all the joyful gospel. **Refrain:**

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*; **Music:** South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*; Tr. and arr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Company.

Prayer

God, who makes us glad on this Feast Day of the Resurrection, mercifully grant that we who now celebrate these joyous holy days on earth may rise to eternal joys in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Christine Sine

Announcements and Thank You

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LBW 352

I know that my Redeemer lives!
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives exalted, throned above;
 He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with his eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 What joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

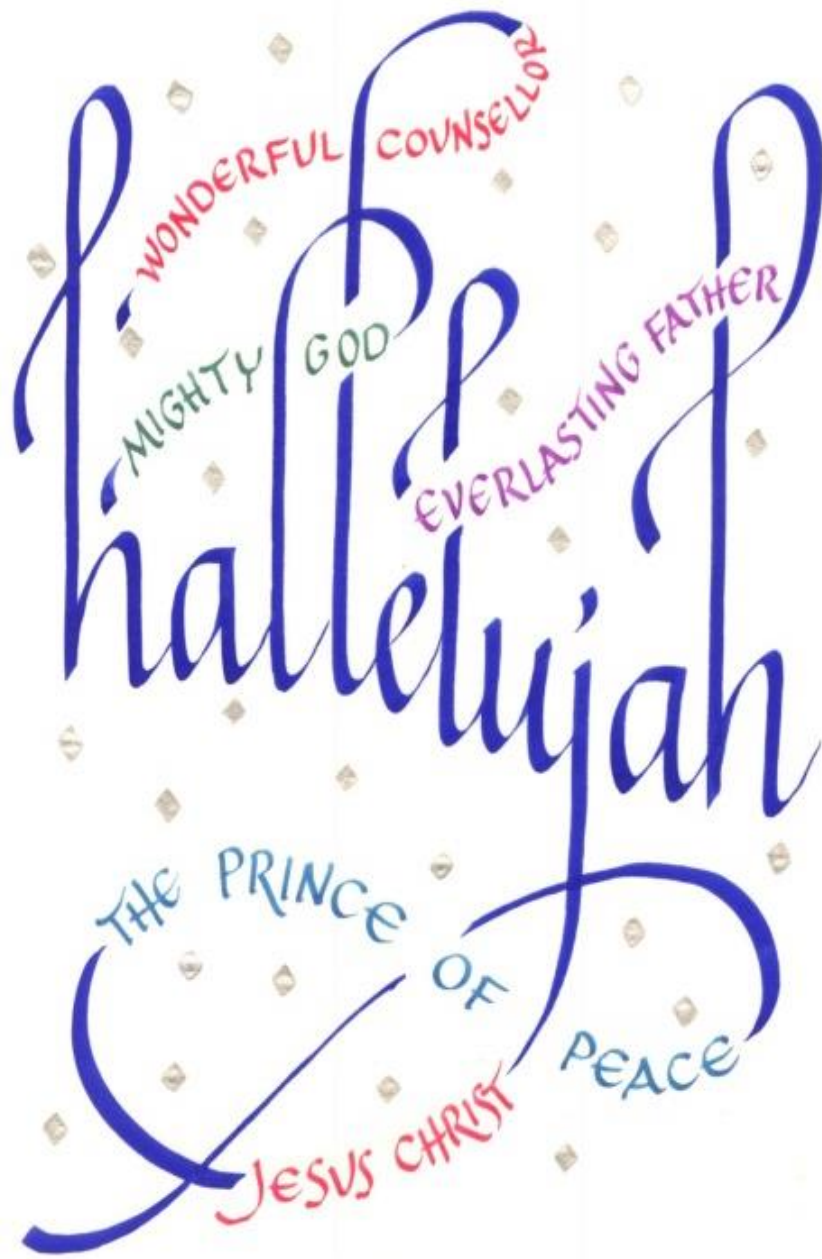
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Postlude

*With High Delight
Let Us Unite*

Marilyn J.





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