

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP

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The Second Sunday of Easter

HYMN OF INVOCATION

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John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754

Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547



1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2. *This the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on*
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4. *For to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing*
5. Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar - oah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal.
God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Leader: Now is Christ risen from the dead,

People: **And become the firstfruits of them that slept.**

Leader: For since by man came death,

People: **By man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, saying:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

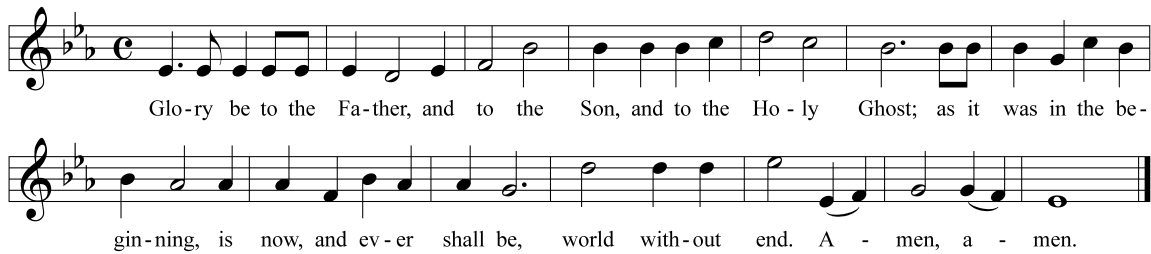
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

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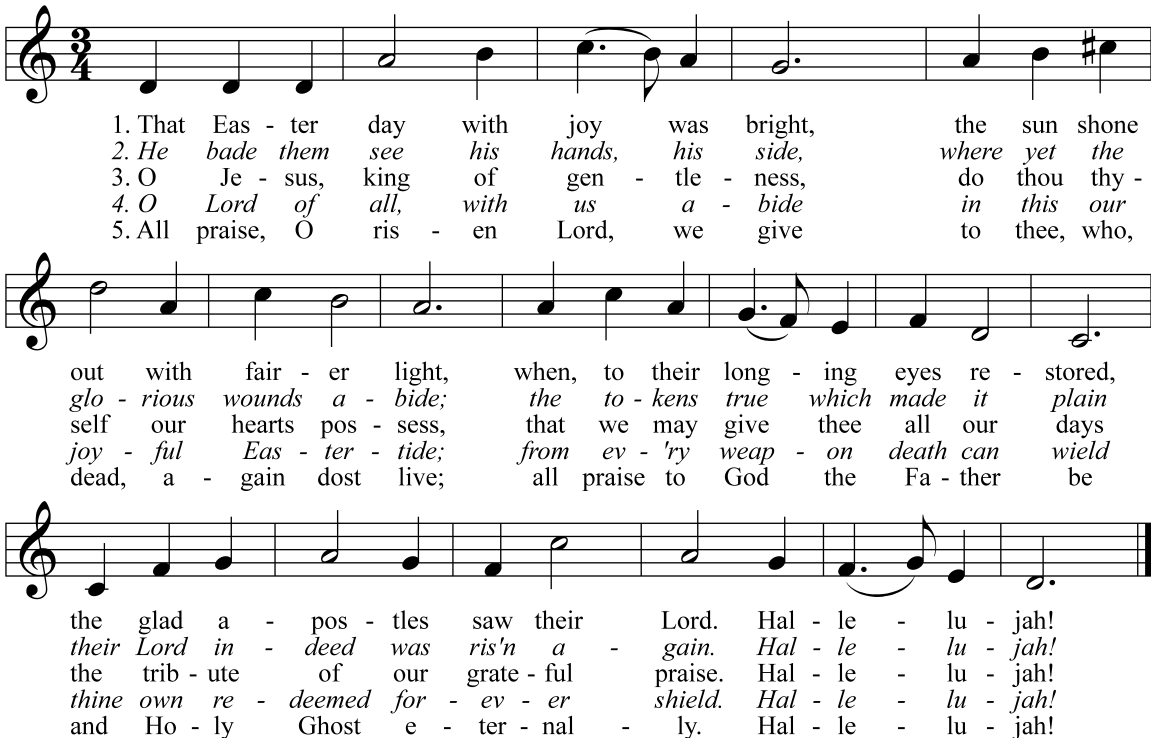


Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

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Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.

Nikolaus Herman, 1560



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone
2. *He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the*
3. O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy -
4. *O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our*
5. All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who,
out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
glo - rious wounds a - bide; the to - kens true which made it plain
self our hearts pos - sess, that we may give thee all our days
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield
dead, a - gain dost live; all praise to God the Fa - ther be
the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!
their Lord in - deed was ris'n a - gain. Hal - le - lu - jah!
the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. Hal - le - lu - jah!
thine own re - deemed for - ev - er shield. Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly. Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Service of the Word

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 148

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

People: praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;

praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens,

and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD;

for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle,

creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens,

old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD,

for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 5:29-42

Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to 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." When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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OUR RESPONSE

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Jean Tisserand, c. 1490

French melody, 17th cent.



1. O sons and daughters of the King, whom
 2. *That Easter morn, at break of day, the*
 3. An angel clad in white they see, who
 4. *That night the_a - pos - tles met in fear; a -*
 5. When Thomas first the tid - ings heard that



heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the
faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
 sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
mong them came their Mas - ter dear and said, "My
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
 And look upon my hands, my feet;
 Not faithless but believing be."
 Alleluia!
- 7. No longer Thomas then denied,
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!
- 8. How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!
- 9. On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please spend time yourself or encourage others in your household to offer extemporaneous prayers for:

- Civil authorities (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Christian ministry and mission (Matthew 9:36-38)
- The salvation of all people (1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4)
- The sanctification of the saints (Ephesians 6:18)
- The afflicted (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

After a time of open prayer, conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer.

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION

John 20:19-31

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN

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Christian F. Gellert, 1757

Johann Crüger, 1653



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. Je - sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king - dom still re - main - ing.
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,
5. Je - sus lives and now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.
this shall calm my tremb - ling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has pro - mised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence.