
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Call to Worship

One: With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

All: We have seen the Lord!

One: With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

All: We have seen the Lord!

One: Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn #238 *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 folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

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 the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught 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.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit of life upon us, and commanded us to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist this calling, huddling behind locked doors rather than living with our confidence placed in you. We yearn for more— more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith— and forget that you have given us all we need: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear and help us proclaim: “We have seen the Lord!” In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

New Testament Reading: John 20:19-23

19 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."

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

22 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Homily "Peace Be With You"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Affirmation of Faith *From A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Anthem *Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace*

Mary McDonald

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith. Where there's despair, hope.
Where there's darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Oh Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe.
For in forgiving, we are forgiven. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!
Make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Luis Alvarez; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jim Tinney; Edith Langdon; Jane Christopher; Lavinia Brown's great-grandson; Healthcare and other Essential workers.

Celebration: Danny and Melba Slaven granddaughter, Mary Margaret, born April 2, 2020.