

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## DIVINE SERVICE I

APRIL 19, 2020 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN: “*Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won*” ..... [LSB 490]

1.

Jesus Lives! The Vict’ry’s Won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus Lives! Death’s reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2.

Jesus Lives! To Him the Throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and Reign with Him in Heaven.  
God is Faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

3.

Jesus Lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus Living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and Glory giving.  
All I need God will Dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4.

Jesus Lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ Forever.  
God will be my Sure Defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5.

Jesus Lives! And now is death But the Gate of Life Immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*) ..... (Page 151)

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have Mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

**P** In the Mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God Forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the Power to become the Children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, Who has begun this Good Work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our LORD Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ ..... (Page 152)

**P** In peace let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.  
**C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “*This is the Feast of Victory*” ..... (Page 155)

**This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of God.**  
**This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.**  
**This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.**  
**Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**  
**This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.**  
**This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... (Page 156)

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.  
**C** Amen. *(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: *Acts 5:29-42*

*“But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers Raised Jesus, Whom you killed by hanging Him on a Tree.<sup>31</sup> God Exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give Repentance to Israel and Forgiveness of sins.<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him.’<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.<sup>34</sup> 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.<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, ‘Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.<sup>36</sup> 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.<sup>37</sup> 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.*

<sup>38</sup> 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; <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to

speaking in the Name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. <sup>42</sup> And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”

**P** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ENTRANCE HYMN “I Know My Redeemer Lives” ..... [LSB 461]

**1.**  
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.

**2.**  
He lives Triumphant from the grave;  
He lives Eternally to save;  
He lives All-Glorious in the sky;  
He lives Exalted there on high.

**3.**  
He lives to Bless me with His Love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

**4.**  
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.

**5.**  
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.

**6.**  
He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend;  
He lives and Loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

**7.**  
He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my Mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

**8. ▲**  
He lives, all Glory to His Name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:1-9

“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, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is Imperishable, Undeiled, and Unfading, kept in Heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God’s Power are being Guarded through Faith for a Salvation ready to be Revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by

various trials, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your Faith, the Salvation of your souls.”

**P** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” ..... [LSB 466]

**1.**  
Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Refrain:**  
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

2.  
For three long days the grave did its worst Until  
its strength by God was dispersed. He Who gives  
Life did death undergo; And in its conquest His  
might did show. *Refrain*

4.  
“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave; He  
has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*

3.  
The angel said to them, “Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus Who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” *Refrain*

5.  
Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O LORD** ..... (Page 157)

*"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.'<sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the LORD.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.'<sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.'<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> 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.'<sup>26</sup> 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.'<sup>27</sup> 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.'<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered Him, 'My LORD and My God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you Believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have Believed.'<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;<sup>31</sup> 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."*

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

*(Please be seated)*

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Sons and Daughters of the King” ..... [LSB 470]

1.  
O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom Heav’nly hosts in Glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia!

3.  
An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
“Your LORD will go to Galilee.”  
Alleluia!

5.  
When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the Risen LORD,  
He doubted the disciples’ word.  
Alleluia!

2.  
That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The Faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

4.  
That night the \_apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their Master Dear  
And said, “My Peace be with you here.”  
Alleluia!

6.  
“My piercèd 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!

SERMON:

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* ..... (Page 159)

**C** 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 Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was Crucified,  
Died,  
And was buried.  
He Descended into hell.  
The third day He Rose again from the dead.  
He Ascended into Heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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  $\dagger$  Everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Hear us, merciful Father, as we pray for ourselves, for the Church, ...

After each portion of prayers: **P** LORD, in Your Mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD,  $\dagger$  Who lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen. *(Please be seated)*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... (Page 162)

**P** LORD, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECTS ..... (Page 166)

**P** LORD God, Heavenly Father, as we struggle here below with divisions among us, searching for peace among men, remind us daily of the Peace of Heaven Purchased through the Bloody Death and Triumphant Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, † Who with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, now and Forever.

**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION ..... (Page 166)

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be Gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you Peace.

**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "This Joyful Easter Tide" ..... [LSB 482]

1.

**This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain***

*Refrain:*

**Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!**

2.

**Death's flood has lost its chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver: *Refrain***

3.

**My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number:**

POSTLUDE

