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The Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. ~ Service of the Word

(Live Streaming at www.holycrosskitchener.org)

Prelude

Jack Kahl (*trumpet*), Jennifer Massicotte (*accompanist*)

“Easter Medley”

Arranged by Jack Schrader

Words of Welcome

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives *LSB #461*

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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 all-glorious in the sky
He lives exalted there on high

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 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

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

Invocation & Opening Sentences

(*Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

P Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C Alleluia, alleluia.

Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

(Psalm 85:1-2, 7)

P Lord, You were favourable to Your land;

C **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

C **You covered all their sin.**

P Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C **and grant us Your salvation.**

P Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C **Almighty God, in humility and with repentant hearts we come before You. With shame and regret we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that needs Your forgiving grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct us to serve You faithfully all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Epistle**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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel**St. John 20:19-31**

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 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."

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." 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." 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 believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

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

Anthem**"I've Just Seen Jesus"**

Lauren Gray (soloist)

Words by Gloria Gaither, Music by William Gaither and Danny Daniels

Sermon

St. John 20:19-31

“HOLDING UP”

Apostles' Creed

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 † everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Offerings

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Christian Church, that the peace of God dwell upon her and that the Spirit of God works through her. We pray for all missionaries and church workers around the world especially during this time of uncertainty, that the certainty of Christ's forgiveness and Resurrection will strengthen all.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

P We pray for the nations of the world, all world leaders, and all men and women entrusted with leadership. May they seek Your wisdom and grant them true and lasting tranquility that it may be known around the globe.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

P We pray for all congregations during these challenging times that you give strength and wisdom to all pastors and encourage Your people through the true presence of the resurrected Lord. We pray for this congregation, that all of her members may know Your peace and share that peace with others.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

P We pray for all those who serve us during these pandemic times. We give thanks and pray for safety for all the front line workers: Doctors, Nurses, Cleaning Staff, Spiritual Care Givers, Grocery Store Clerks, Police Officers, Prison Guards, Paramedics, Firefighters and all who continue to serve. We pray for all who actively keep the peace both locally and around the world.

Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

P We pray for those whose lives are in need of a special measure of peace and comfort. For all those who are watching this service wherever they find themselves, for the sick and the hospitalized, those in care homes, those struggling with mental illness, depression, grief, and those experiencing changes and challenges. For all the students who are learning from home and teachers who are teaching from home. Give patience and wisdom to parents, give strength to grandparents and all caregivers. Be with those who are unemployed, those who have lost financial income, those who are relocating to new situations and give to all of us your peace as we face each new day. Help us to remember that Your mercies to us are new every morning, so great is Your faithfulness.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

P For all the saints called now to Your eternal presence, Lord, we give You thanks. Grant that we be blessed by the heritage of faith they have left to us in our time.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 favour and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen *LSB #480*

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**He's risen, He's risen
Christ Jesus, the Lord
He opened death's prison
the incarnate true Word
Break forth, hosts of heaven
in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain
their praises prolong**

The foe was triumphant
 when on Calvary
 The Lord of creation
 was nailed to the tree
 In Satan's domain
 did the hosts shout and jeer
 For Jesus was slain
 whom the evil ones fear

But short was their triumph
 the Saviour arose
 And death, hell, and Satan
 He vanquished, His foes
 The conquering Lord
 lifts His banner on high
 He lives, yes, He lives
 and will nevermore die

O where is your sting death
 We fear you no more
 Christ rose, and now open
 is fair Eden's door
 For all our transgressions
 His blood does atone
 Redeemed and forgiven
 we now are His own

Then sing your hosannas
 and raise your glad voice
 Proclaim the blest tidings
 that all may rejoice
 Laud, honour, and praise
 to the Lamb that was slain
 With Father and Spirit
 He ever shall reign



Serving in the Lord's House Today

Preacher Pastor Roland Syens
Officiant Pastor Dieter Kays
Organist Jennifer Massicotte
Technical Crew Claude Massicotte, Carl Kuhl

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