

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 7, 2024*



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *April 7, 2024*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “To God be the Glory”, “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”,  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (arr. James Kimball) *JuBELLation Choir*

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

### **849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS**

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

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### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

By his wounds you have been healed. *1 Peter 2:24*

### **INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- 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.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—  
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—  
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

## 457 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

*sts. 1–2*

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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.

**G** Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 4:32–35*

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 John 1:1—2:2*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 20:19–31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>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.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 467 AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS

sts. 1–3, 5–6

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o’er the grave.
- 3 This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God’s own Son In love for me has won.
- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never, Whate’er He passes through.  
He rends death’s iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell’s grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

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**SERMON** “Everything?” Acts 4:32-35

**CREED** Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service –Apostles’ Creed  
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Late service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer & Benediction***

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 161

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us? How vast beyond all measure?  
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.  
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## 563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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## 649 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**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.

**818 IN THEE IS GLADNESS**

1 In Thee is gladness  
 Amid all sadness,  
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
 By Thee are given  
 The gifts of heaven,  
 Thou the true Redeemer art.  
 Our souls Thou wakest,  
 Our bonds Thou breakest;  
 Who trusts Thee surely  
 Has built securely;  
 He stands forever: Alleluia!  
 Our hearts are pining  
 To see Thy shining,  
 Dying or living  
 To Thee are cleaving;  
 Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,  
 We fear no powers,  
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
 He sees and blesses  
 In worst distresses;  
 He can change them with a breath.  
 Wherefore the story  
 Tell of His glory  
 With hearts and voices;  
 All heav'n rejoices  
 In Him forever: Alleluia!  
 We shout for gladness,  
 Triumph o'er sadness,  
 Love Him and praise Him  
 And still shall raise Him  
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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**POSTLUDE****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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