

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-31(NIV)*

*Thomas is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears to them. He wants proof that Jesus is alive. So, the next Sunday, Jesus appears to Thomas, and he firmly believes.*

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

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

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples 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 the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord,

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

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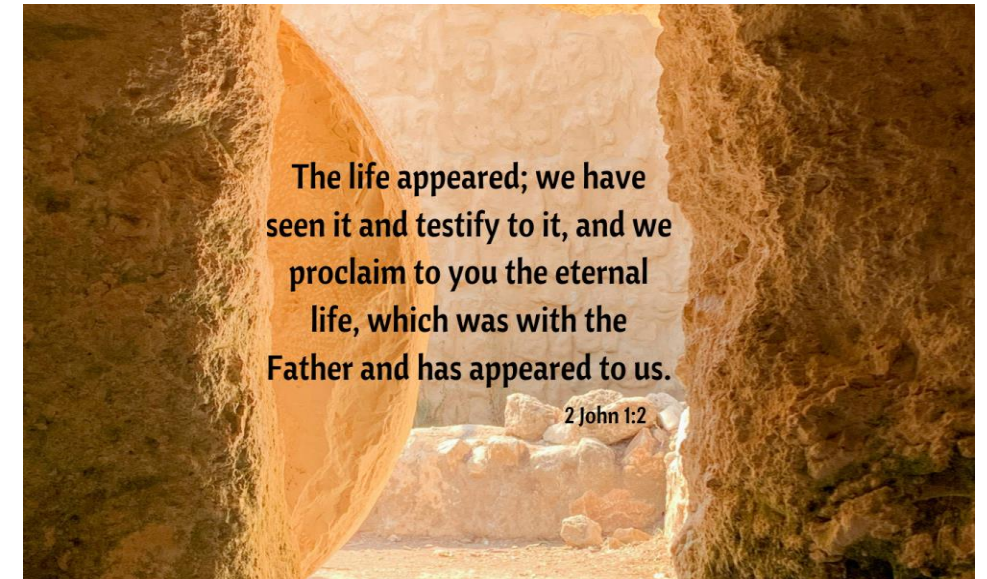
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### ***Good morning and welcome to worship!***

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! How has the Resurrection changed you? It sure changed the first disciples from being fearful to become courageous in their faith. The Apostle John writes in 1<sup>st</sup> John how the Resurrected Jesus allowed His disciples to touch Him. Our sermon title for today is, "Just the Right Touch!"*



**TRINITY**  
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**Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Paul C. Appold, Pastor**  
**Ken Thies, Organist**

Psalm

Psalm 148

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**C: Praise Him in the heights**

P: Praise Him all His angels;

**C: Praise Him all His hosts**

P: Praise Him, you highest heavens

**C: and you waters above the heavens!**

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord for His name alone is exalted;

**C: His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

P: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints,

**C: For the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the Lord!**

**All: 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.**

Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

*The first Christians were of one mind and heart. Jesus resurrection meant everything to them, and they lived in peace with one another.*

Now 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.

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 1: 1-2:2(NIV)

*The Apostle John writes through inspiration how the bodily resurrection of Jesus changes everything. We are encouraged to walk in the light of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out 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, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*“Glorious Day”*

*Tim Koeppe*

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