



Sunday April 11th, 2021 †Rite II

Second Sunday of Easter

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Opening Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Hymnal 1982 #178

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -

Final Ending

Repeat Refrain

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Opening Prayer

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen. All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

All Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts

4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

Second Reading: A Reading from First John

1:1-2:2

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final note on a whole note. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' are written, with a long horizontal line following the comma. The bottom staff is identical to the top one, also with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' and a long horizontal line following the comma.

Verse: Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning; you have the words of everlasting life.

The Gospel: John

20:19-31

(At the Beginning) Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

(At the End) Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Edward M. Cardoza

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered for each intercession category (In the Facebook Comment Section, please list any prayers you wish to offer)

Leader The Universal Church, its members, and its mission; Let us Pray to the Lord.
People **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader The Nation, the Commonwealth and all in authority; Let us Pray to the Lord.
People **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader The welfare of the world and stewardship of Creation; Let us Pray to the Lord.
People **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader The concerns of the local community; Let us Pray to the Lord.
People **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader Those who suffer and those in any trouble; Let us Pray to the Lord.
People **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader The departed; Let us Pray to the Lord.
People **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Risen One Be With You
People And also with you.

Announcements

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and we
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 20 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 30 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 40 - est. Bless - ed, blest is the one whocomes in the name of the Lord..
 48 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Lamb of God

5 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It includes a first ending (1.2.) and a second ending (3.).

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

Communion Hymn: *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

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1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). It includes three verses of lyrics.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *The strife is o'er, the battle done*

Hymnal 1982 #208

Antiphon (at the beginning)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

This Week's Announcements:

Food Pantry:



It's SECOND SOAP SUNDAY!

We have a last-minute laundry soap drive to complete this week!

We need at least 37 bottles of

laundry detergent for our next One Family event on April 17th at All Saints in Attleboro. Please help up do our part to distribute household goods to families in need. (Bottles can be purchased at the Dollar Store and can be left in the plastic tote outside the main doors of the church.)

Outreach thanks you for your donations and your support!

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Gift Cards



We are still collecting Gift Cards to help those in need. Currently, we're looking for Gift Cards to any popular stores like Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Walmart, Target, etc.

Donations can be left in the secure mailbox at the church or mailed to St. Mark's Church 116 South St, Foxboro, MA 02035.

Please contact Lisa at larssonconroy@yahoo.com for questions and thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Several St. Mark's parishioners knit or crochet prayer shawls for the church. They are available for all people to take to give for illness, difficult times or encouragement. We also give one to each child who is baptized at St. Mark's. Please feel free to take one if you feel it would help to support someone. We have received many positive comments of appreciation from those who have received one. They are located in the robing room near the sacristy in a bin. Ask your Compassion Circle leader and they can get one to you.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, we have many easy patterns or you can find one on the internet. Search prayer shawl patterns and there will be many you can print.

**Join us for our
 Prayer Shawl
 Zoom Gathering!
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We're glad you joined us today.

If you have questions or other needs, please ask. We're happy to help and hope you find a bit of what you might be seeking today.

Visit our website stmarksfx.org to learn more.

Who We Are

St. Mark's is a growing and dynamic parish. Inside our brick walls you'll find a warm and accepting community of faith: a place where longtime members and first-time visitors connect with God, one another, and a call to serve our community and the world.

At St. Mark's, worship and parish life blends our love and respect for ancient and beautiful liturgical traditions with our desire to put faith into action. You'll find spiritual nourishment through Anglican worship, learning opportunities for all ages, and ever-expanding outreach and justice advocacy ministries.

We actively collaborate with neighborhood organizations. We sustain our vital campus partnerships while creating new initiatives that respond to critical social needs.

With imagination, joy, and faithful purpose, we live into our mission, as a people called into community to do God's work.

Emergency Pastoral Call

The clergy of St. Mark's expects to be called to the side of our parishioners during times of crisis, sudden illness, or death, any time of the day or night.

We will be there to offer prayers, be a spiritual support and, if need be, offer the rites and prayers for the dying.

In the case of a pastoral emergency, please call the Pastoral Care Coordinator Patricia Dent at 508-543-7507 (pjdent@verizon.net) or the Rev. Edward M. Cardoza at 508-261-4066.

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Next Week's Readings (April 18th)

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Psalm 4

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