

# The Order of Service: The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

**Prelude** *Vesper Voluntaries Op.14, II. Allegro*

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Dr. Gukhui Han

## Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* Kindle in our hearts, O God, Christ's flame of love that never ceases, that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine forever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. *(St. Columba)*

## Hymn *Christ is alive!*

*Truro*

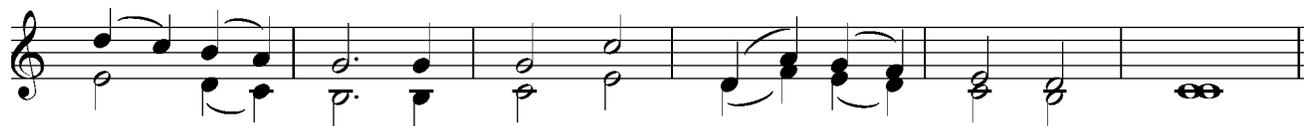
*(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

**Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

**A Reading** *Acts 4:32-35 (people muted)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133**

*The cantor will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.*

Anne Krentz Organ  
Malek Sammour, Cantor

**REFRAIN:**

How good and how pleas - ant it is, when  
kin - dred live to - geth - er in u - ni - ty!

It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

**REFRAIN**

It is like the dew, the dew of Hermon flowing, flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: like forever more.

**REFRAIN**

**The Gospel** *John 20:19-31 (people muted)*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 religious leaders, 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Anthem** *The Lord is kind and merciful (El Señor es compasivo)*

Tony Alonso

*Refrain:*

The Lord is kind and merciful,  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.  
El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.  
Bendice alma mía al Señor y  
todo mi ser a su santo nombre.  
Bendice alma mía al Señor y  
no olvides sus beneficios.

It is God who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals ev'ry one of your ills,  
Who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

*Refrain*

El Señor es lento a la ira y rico en Clemencia.  
No nos trata como merecen nuestros pecados, ni  
nos paga según nuestras culpas.

*Refrain*

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As parents have compassion on their children,  
the Lord has pity on those who are Godfearing.

*Refrain*

**The Sermon** *(people muted)*

The Rev. Jane Gould

*Silence follows the sermon.*

**Music** *What a friend we have in Jesus*

Arr. Grace Kim

Emma McAllister (Violin), George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* **I present Adelyne Grace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that she is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*(Please unmute and respond enthusiastically.)*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## **The Baptismal Covenant** *(Please unmute and join in the responses.)*

*Celebrant* Let us together affirm our faith in God and renew the promises made at our baptism. What is your faith?

*People* **I believe and trust in God the Source of all being, creator and sustainer of all things; and in God the Eternal Word, my Savior Jesus Christ; and in God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life and truth. This is my faith.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers for the Candidate** *(Please unmute and join in the responses.)*

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Adelyne who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Anthem** *The Lord's Prayer*

Josephine Forsyth  
Malek Sammour, Soloist

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heav'n.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
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.

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*People*           The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

*People*           **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*       We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

Adelyne Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Adelyne Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Adelyne the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*(Please unmute and pray together.)*

*The Celebrant says*           Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*       **Adelyne, we receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

## **Offertory Anthem** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter  
St. Luke's Choir, May 6, 2018

**Lord's Prayer** *(Please unmute and join in praying together)*

**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.**

## **Anthem** *Come, People of the Risen King*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
arr. Michael Lawrence

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; Oh, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach together children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; Oh, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; Oh, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: Our God is all in all.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; Oh, church of Christ, rejoice!

## **Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays**

## **Blessing of the People**

May the Creator bless you and keep you;  
May the Beloved Compassion face you and have mercy upon you;  
May eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to you and give you peace;  
This day and always. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People*          **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee*

Arr. Kevin A. Memley  
Dr. Gukhui Han