

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# **CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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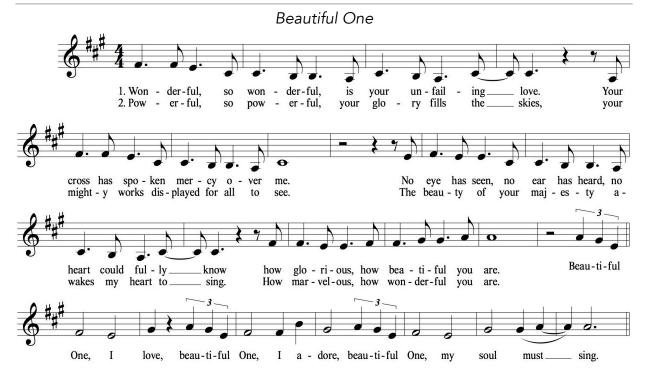
In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.



#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### Pastor Dave Thomas

#### **OPENING SONGS**



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How Great Is Our God



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#### GATHERING PRAYER



# FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

L A reading from Acts.

Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency. "Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man thoroughly accredited by God to you—the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through him are common knowledge—this Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by men who took the law into their own hands, and was handed over to you. And you pinned him to a cross and killed him. But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him. David said it all:

I saw God before me for all time. Nothing can shake me; he's right by my side.
I'm glad from the inside out, ecstatic; I've pitched my tent in the land of hope.
I know you'll never dump me in Hades; I'll never even smell the stench of death.
You've got my feet on the life-path, with your face shining sun-joy all around.

"Dear friends, let me be completely frank with you. Our ancestor David is dead and buried—his tomb is in plain sight today. But being also a prophet and knowing that God had solemnly sworn that a descendant of his would rule his kingdom, seeing far ahead, he talked of the resurrection of the Messiah - 'no trip to Hades, no stench of death.' This Jesus, God raised up. And every one of us here is a witness to it."

- L Word of God. Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God!

#### PSALM

## Psalm 130 (The Message)

read responsively

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,

upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

But those who run after other gods

shall have their troubles multiplied.

#### I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

never take their names up- on my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

# My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope.

## For you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

# SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

L A reading from First Peter.

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole. I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory. You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Words and Music: Michael W. Smith

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# **†** HOLY GOSPEL

# John 20:19-31

P Hear the good news, as recorded in St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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.

- P This is good news.
- C Amen.



Pastor Dave & Ben

# Doubting and Believing

# THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

Shekinah – from the album Awake, Easter; The Opiate Mass

Music: Joel Eby, Zadok Wartes, Aurelius Prudentius Lyric: Zadok Wartes Production: Jessica Dobson (voice), Joel Eby (producer, CP-70), Ben Fowler (bass clarinet), Doug

Krebs (mastering engineer), Zadok Wartes (producer, mixing engineer, synthesizer, programming) Video: Joe Tobiason

Lyrics: all who love strive on for justice weary hearts belong to thee Holy Ghost always inside you speaking into old beliefs we creations long to be as thou be whole in class, color, and deed evermore and evermore

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Lord, in your mercy." To which the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

- P May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, still our fears, stir our faith, be salve for our wounds and the source of our joy; and may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son † and Holy Spirit, be with you this Holy Easter and forever.
- C Amen.



## **CLOSING SONG**



Words and Music: Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro

The King of glory, the King of glory.

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The King of glory, the King above all kings.



# SENT TO SERVE

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