

# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021



*We welcome you to our virtual service of worship  
and hope you'll share the good news proclaimed and lived here at Calvary,  
Columbia.*

*We look forward to seeing you when we can gather together again in person.  
Until that day, God bless and keep you.*

**Calvary Episcopal Church**

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*Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. We're so glad you've joined us to worship on this Easter Season.*

*This is a full-service bulletin. If you prefer to use your Book of Common Prayer, the page numbers are listed as well.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Opening Acclamation:** BCP, 355

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Collect of the Day**

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**The First Reading**

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

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. (4:32-35)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 133. We will read it in unison.

- 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.**

## **The Second Reading**

Lector: A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1:1-2:2)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

Deacon or priest: 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 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. (20:19-31)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Holy Conversation on the Word**

### **An Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe that you, O God, created humanity, female and male,  
in your image.**

**I hear you, O Lord, and your call to love you with all my heart,  
with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind,  
and your command to love my neighbors as myself.**

**I accept others, just as you have accepted me,  
in order to bring praise to you, O God.**

**I hope to shine like the stars in the universe  
as I hold out the word of life to my community.**

**I am committed to growing in your knowledge and love  
and to participating in the life of my faith community.**

**I praise you for removing my sackcloth and clothing me with yourself  
so that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

**I hope through Jesus the Risen One in the power of the Holy Spirit  
now and forever. Amen.<sup>[2]</sup>**

### **Prayers of the People**

Deacon: “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised.” In the light of resurrection’s power we are given new birth in Christ Jesus. Having been made new let us offer our prayers to the Holy One.

Leader: You who in dawn’s first light summoned creation anew through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; summon us afresh to be sentinels of light, hope and resurrection that in a world gripped by death, despair and desolation we may be beacons of life, joy and love. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who patterned the stars and called the sun in to being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos. Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [\_\_\_\_\_]. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence,

warfare and strife. Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [\_\_\_\_\_]. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home. Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Grant that with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength, we may evermore seek your presence, and by your infinite love remain in you, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us make our confession.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**Eternal Mother, Compassionate Father**

**we confess that we have believed the lie  
that we are not in you and you are not in us,  
and we have lived that lie in what we have done,  
and by letting things go undone.**

**We have forgotten to love you with our whole heart;  
we have refused to love our neighbors  
and we have failed to love ourselves.**

**We are ready now to change this  
to receive the gift of your healing and wholeness.**

**Knowing the frailty of our humanity,  
we open ourselves to the strength of your divinity.**

**We ask you to overshadow us and breathe new life into us,  
for only then are we able to follow you in your way,  
serve the welfare of your people,  
and glorify your Holy Name by our lives. Amen.**

**The Absolution**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **All: Amen.**

### **The Peace. BCP, 360**

Celebrant: *La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: Let us awaken our hearts and see that God is with us.

**People: God's Spirit is here, in, around, and among us.**

Celebrant: Creator God, your daughters and sons gather as a brood under the safety of your wing, remembering the story of your great love for all you have created and re-memorating ourselves to you and to all of your saints on earth and in heaven. Your song of praise rises up from within us and flows forth from us as with one voice we join with the heavenly chorus and sing:

**People Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of powerful love and light.  
All creation is a reflection of your glory, Hosanna!  
Blessed are you and your continual self-giving! Hosanna!**

Merciful God, your loving care for us has been offered countless times, catching us up into you every time we strayed and lost our way. Then, being kindness, you responded to our blindness, willfulness, and lostness by taking on flesh like ours, eliminating all that separated us. Expressing yourself in the person of Jesus, the Christ, we could see you, touch you, talk with you, and learn to become like you, corporal temples of the Eternal One. But we struggled to understand and surrender to such unconditional mercy, and we projected our fear onto you, onto one another, and onto your creation.

Knowing that nothing short of everything would be required for our salvation, you gathered your friends together, as you'd done so many times before. The meal was simple: bread and wine. In your hands and by your prayers, however, this simple food became holy food, the food of life.

You took the bread, and giving thanks, you broke the bread, gave it to your friends and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Then, you took the cup of wine, and lifted it up in thanksgiving, gave it to your friends and said, 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this to remember me.'

Loving Christ, Gentle Guide, by the power of your unfathomable love you transformed these simple gifts of bread and wine into holy food, which you gave to your ordinary friends, transforming them into holy people.

+ Now bless and sanctify our simple gifts of bread and wine, making them into your body and blood, and grant that all who share this holy food are made one body, one spirit in Christ. +Bless and sanctify us also, that we may trust your choice of us to be bearers of your way, your truth, and your life into the world.

**All:           We praise you, we trust you,  
                  and we surrender ourselves to you  
                  offering nothing short of everything.**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, we honor and glorify you Motherly Father, Liberating Son, and Holy Wisdom, Trinity in Unity, now and forever.

**All: AMEN!**

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

Celebrant: And now, with humility and confidence, we pray:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
                  Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the  
peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.[4]**

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Celebrant:** If you are thirsty, drink the Fount of Life.  
If you are hungry, eat the Bread of Life.  
Blessed are all who hunger for this Bread  
And thirst for this Fount. [5]

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**People:** **God of Elizabeth and Zachariah, Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca, Leah, and Isaac; God the Divine Mother and Father of the wholeness of our being; we give you thanks for the gift of life. In your name we celebrate the special qualities that you have given us: the gift of connectedness, the gift of empathy, the gift of compassion, the gift of nurturing, the gift of insight, the gifts of flexibility and multiplicity. Guide us, gracious God, that we may claim the unique strengths of these gifts and use them to your glory in the world. Give us the wisdom to honor these attributes within ourselves that they may be used freely, fully, and always in your name.[6] Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. Amen.                    *(source: Celtic, Enriching Our Worship, 70)*

## **Dismissal**

**Priest**            Let us go forth into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
                         Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**People**            **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Calvary's Prayer List**

*New names may be added to the prayer list by emailing the church office.*

The Abadir Family, Nancy, The Sessions family, The Thayer family, Clara, Jeff,  
The Slagle and Bush Family, Chris, Frank, Dale, Heather, Dougie, Jessica,  
Delaney, John, Colleen, Paul, Sue, Carolyn, Phyllis, Stephanie, Recil, Gail, Jim,  
Dana, Bob, Julie, Joel, Sharon, Ben, Dan, Kathy, Larisa, David, Bernadene, and  
Mary J.

For the repose of the soul of Janeva "Jan" Elsie Abadir.

**For Health of Body and Soul (BCP p. 460)** May God, the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

## **Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements**

April 11, 2021

**Special Announcement:** We would like to thank **The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall, Canon to the Ordinary, for celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter with us.**

**From Mother Valori:** **Baby Chase (name tbd) was born at 12:09 am on Friday, April 2.** Mother and baby are doing wonderfully - thanks be to God. A better outcome could not have been hoped for and I'm sure the prayers were the key to that. Thank you so much for your love, support, and prayers. This mama of the mama couldn't be happier - or more relieved!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering this year. The proceeds will pay for the Easter flowers and support the Organ Preservation Fund. To date we have had well over \$3000 contributed.

### **The 2020 Vestry Stewardship Covenant**

Your vestry developed this Stewardship Covenant using a process of spiritual discernment and seeking divine guidance through Scripture and prayer. This covenant reflects where we feel God is leading us as a Vestry in our ministry of stewardship. We make this covenant among ourselves as a vestry and with God as we serve the parish. It is not meant to be a Stewardship Covenant for Calvary Episcopal Church parish as a whole. We pray that all members will prayerfully reflect on our invitation to you within this covenant.

**WE BELIEVE** that God will provide us with what we need. We have faith that God will show us how to use and share our resources with others.

**WE COMMIT** to reflect prayerfully as individuals and as a community to listen to what God is saying to us, trusting in divine guidance. We realize that God values us and knows our needs as individuals and as the church.

**WE INVITE** all to join us in trusting in the promises of God to nourish, protect, and love us, meeting all our needs. God will provide us with the resources to serve our community and all creation; we invite all to join in

stewarding these resources for the well-being of our community and the world.

To make your pledge online, fill in the 2021 Pledge Card on the [Stewardship](#) page on our website.



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