

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020
9:30 a.m. choral service/Family Worship
The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

Processional hymn #206 O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,

O're death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,

And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! **People** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Gloria: S-236 Glory to you, Lord

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect *(said by 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.

First Reading: Reader A reading from the book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord **People** Thanks be to God

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

PSALM 16

said by all, in unison

BCP p. 599

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 upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
 But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon 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 goodly heritage.
 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 he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
 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 for evermore.

Alleluia Verse

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you Lord Christ



Prayers of the People

Response: We thank you, Lord.

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: WLP #875 Be Known to Us

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
One body we are, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Communion

Prayer

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*)

The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #209

**We walk by faith, and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe him near.
We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.