

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

9:30 a.m. choral service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist
Joe DiSalvatore, Reader

Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Waugh,
given by Nancy Waugh and Emily Thompson.*

Prelude: "Resurrection" Lani Smith, 2002 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Processional hymn #206 O sons and daughters, let us sing! *Words: Jean Tisserand and John Mason Neale;*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez*
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

Setting: John Rutter

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

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. *Acts 4:32-35*

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

Silence

PSALM 133 *said by all, in unison*

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Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life 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**

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

Prayers of the People III **Prayer Book, p. 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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: *“Now the Green Blade Rises” Setting by M Larkin, 2005 Birnamwood Publication*

The Great Thanksgiving B

Prayer Book, p. 367

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: WLP #876

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.**

Communion Hymn #318 Here, O My Lord

Words: Horatius Bonar; Music: Nyack

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

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 WLP#787

Words: Bernardo Murray; Music: South African

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

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

Postlude: *“Paen of Triumph” Lani Smith, 2000 Lorenz Publishing House*

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