

# Second Sunday in Sunday

## Zoom Worship - April 7, 2024

Welcome

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Pascha Nostrum

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Psalms 133 (ICEL Psalter)

*Read responsively*

Reader How good it is, how wonderful, wherever people live as one!

People **How good it is, how wonderful, wherever people live as one!**

Reader It is like sacred oil on the head, flowing down Aaron's beard, down to the collar of his robe.

People **How good it is, how wonderful, wherever people live as one!**

Reader It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, running down the mountains of Zion.

People **How good it is, how wonderful, wherever people live as one!**

Reader There God gives a blessing: Life forever.

People **How good it is, how wonderful, wherever people live as one!**

Reader Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35 (Common English Bible)

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no poor people among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of John.

The disciples were afraid of the religious leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy. After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven." Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!" A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!" Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!" Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

*The Rev. Dr. Miranda K. Hassett*

The Prayers

*Officiant* We now continue in prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).

- Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: ... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.  
*The people may offer additional names.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.  
*The people may offer additional names.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

## The Collect of the Day

*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. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may read one of the following Collects as well:*

### *A Collect for Peace*

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### The Peace

*Celebrant* Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you. Alleluia!**

*We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.*

## Announcements

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN in honor of the Eclipse: "Of the Glory of God in the Highest heavens"

Author: Joseph Addison, 1712

Joseph Addison (1672-1719) was an essayist and poet. Born only 30 years after Galileo's death, and a contemporary of Sir Isaac Newton, he lived in a time when scientific understanding of the world - and the heavens - was rapidly expanding in Europe. This poem takes up themes from Psalm 19 - written nearly three thousand years earlier - and makes the case that even looking to the skies with an eye and soul informed by science ("Reason"), one still finds cause to praise the Creator.

**I The spacious firmament on high,  
with all the blue ethereal sky,**

**and spangled heavens, a shining frame,  
their great Original proclaim.  
The unwearied sun from day to day  
does his Creator's power display,  
and publishes to every land  
the work of an almighty hand.**

**2 Soon as the evening shades prevail  
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,  
and nightly to the listening earth  
repeats the story of her birth;  
whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
and all the planets in their turn,  
confirm the tidings, as they roll,  
and spread the truth from pole to pole.**

**3 What though in solemn silence all  
move round the dark terrestrial ball;  
what though nor real voice nor sound  
amid their radiant orbs be found;  
in reason's ear they all rejoice,  
and utter forth a glorious voice,  
for ever singing as they shine,  
'The hand that made us is divine.'**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBH4oOEal&t=126s>