

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude:

Prelude in F Major"

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Opening Hymn

"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

Hymn #199

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise



1 God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2 Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain;
3 In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him. Through
though Ad - am's sin has doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth.
Christ we die to sin and live to God.
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr, based on 1 Cor. 5:7-8, Rom. 6:9-11, 1 Cor. 15:20-22

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams

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The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

First Lesson

(Acts 5:27-32)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

Praise God in the holy place.

Praise God's power in the heavens.

Give praise for God's many deeds.

Give praise for God's exceeding greatness. ***Antiphon***

Praise God with the sound of the horn.

Praise with the psaltry and harp.

Praise God with the drum and dance.

Give praise, give praise with strings and flute. ***Antiphon***

Praise God with the cymbals strong.
Praise with the mighty crashing cymbals.
Let all that breathes give praise.
Give praise, sing "Alleluia." ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(Revelation 1:4-8)

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation:

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "We walk by faith, and not by sight"

Hymn #209

The Gospel

(John 20:19-31)

Deacon 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all public officials: Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, and Cory the Mayor of Racine. For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our Diocesan Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for the staff, volunteers, and guests of the Hospitality Center and Racine Vocational Ministries. And we pray for those who are sick [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Bishop stands and says

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offertory

‘Vivace’ from “Voluntary No. 1”

William Boyce

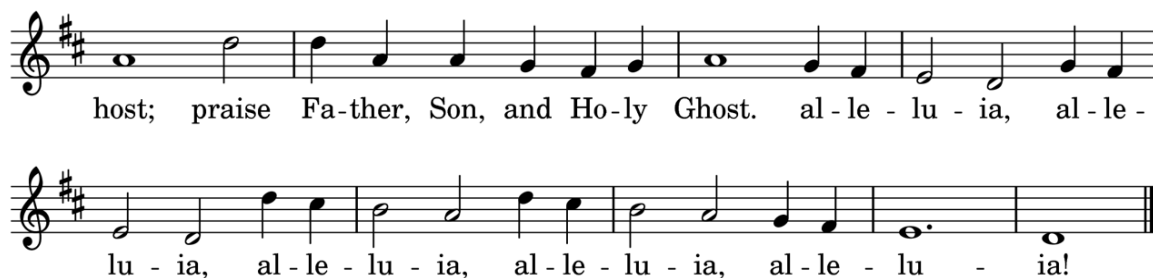
Doxology

Please Stand

As the gifts are being brought forward, the people sing:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -

low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

Music: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen", L.M. al: *Geistliche Kerchengesange*, Cologne, 1623.

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may kneel or stand

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

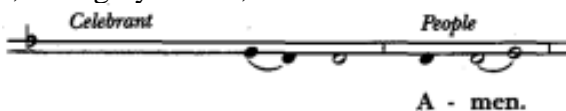


Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

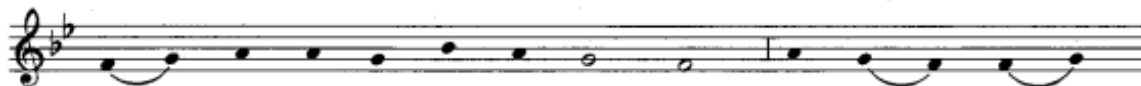


A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:



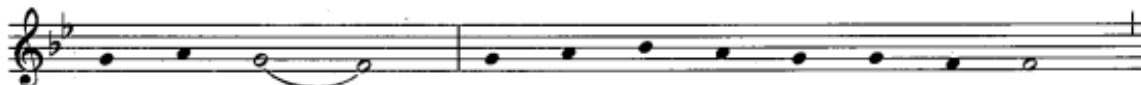
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed



be thy Name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,



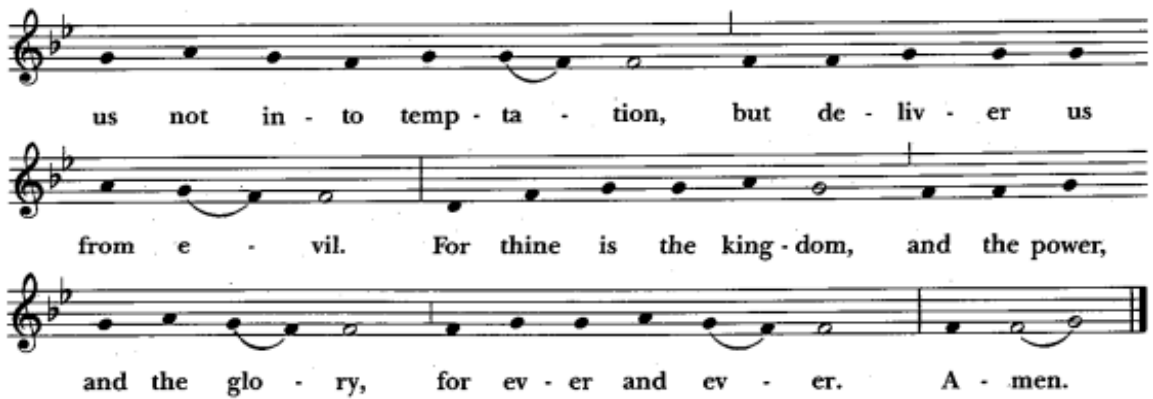
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our



dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,



as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead



Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.

Communion Hymn

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymn #324

Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Pontifical Blessing

Bishop
[Musical notation: a single eighth note on a staff with a key signature of one flat]

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People
[Musical notation: a single eighth note on a staff with a key signature of one flat]

The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop
[Musical notation: a single eighth note on a staff with a key signature of one flat]

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People
[Musical notation: a single eighth note on a staff with a key signature of one flat]

From this time forth for ever - more.

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Crown him with many crowns”

Hymn #494

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D”

David N. Johnson

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord.
If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYE: Zar Telfeyan

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Thompson

FIRST READER: Darice Griffin

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Cindy Ganzel

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Judy Panyk

USHERS: Brian Paulhus, Becky Turk

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie,
Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Michele, Gregory

Homebound: Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee

Brown Bag Ministry

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For Those who have Departed: Al Ellingham

Thanksgiving for Birthday: Hailey

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **St. Luke's Discretionary Fund**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Easter Music and Flower Memorials

In memory of Bob, Peg, Jeff and Jim Martin, and Gary Fox by Jane Martin Fox

In memory of Samuel Hutchins by Lisa Hutchins

In memory of Shirley Horvath by family & friends

In memory of Col. Kenneth & Eleanor Stark and their children Diane, Sonny, Eileen, Bill, and Vivian by Ed and Kathy McCarthy

In memory of Kathy Williams and Dawn Geilfuss by Zar Telfeyan

In memory of parents, Bob & Sandy; and grandparents, Earl & Dorothy by Becky Turk

In memory of people killed at war by Gregory Rawlinko

In memory of Emil Panyk by Judith Panyk

In memory of the late Lori Burke by Mick Burke

In memory of family members who have passed away by Kathleen and Tyrone Thompson

In memory of Florence, Ollie, Sarah Marie, Dawn, Virginia, Alvin, Judy by Kathie Thompson and Duane Gomer

In loving memory of Jeri, and in Thanksgiving for Stephen and Susan and five grandchildren by Marshall Cushman

In loving memory of Bill and Marge Ganzel, and Jennifer Menghe by Cindy Ganzel

In Thanksgiving for Madelene and Evan DuPriest by Mabel DuPriest

To the glory of God and in memory of husband, William Belconis and parents, Willis and Helen Lockwood by Liz Belconis

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