

2021 Eastertide Sunday Service

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 11, 2021

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Readers: Adrian Cloete, Susan Sioui, Quitterie Roques de Borda

Intercessor: Hugh Mitchell

The Gathering of the Community

Nick

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

The Presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

Penitential Rite

Nick

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Romans 6.10*

KYRIE CONFESSION

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The peace is exchanged.

HYMN CP #212 – ALLELUIA, THE STRIFE IS OVER (V. 1, 2, AND 4)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
alleluia!

2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
alleluia!

4 On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain:
alleluia!

*Text: Latin (Finita Jam, 17th cent.); tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Quitterie

Dieu tout-puissant et éternel, force de toute personne qui croit en toi et espérance de celle qui doute, fais que nous, qui n'avons pas vu, ayons la foi et recevions la bénédiction du Christ dans sa plénitude, lui qui vit et règne avec toi, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

Or Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

FIRST READING

Susan

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 4:32-35.*)

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *Or* The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133 (BAS p. 890)

Adrian

- 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.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Quitterie

Lecture de la première lettre de Jean. (*1 Jn 1:1—2:2*)

Ce qui était dès le commencement, ce que nous avons entendu, ce que nous avons vu de nos yeux, ce que nous avons contemplé et que nos mains ont touché du Verbe de vie – car la vie s'est manifestée, et nous avons vu et nous rendons témoignage et nous vous annonçons la vie éternelle, qui était tournée vers le Père et s'est manifestée à nous –, ce que nous avons vu et entendu, nous vous l'annonçons, à vous aussi, afin que vous aussi vous soyez en communion avec nous. Et notre communion est communion avec le Père et avec son Fils Jésus Christ. Et nous vous écrivons cela pour que notre joie soit complète.

Et voici le message que nous avons entendu de lui et que nous vous dévoilons : Dieu est lumière, et de ténèbres, il n'y a pas trace en lui. Si nous disons : « Nous sommes en communion avec lui », tout en marchant dans les ténèbres, nous mentons et nous ne faisons pas la vérité. Mais si nous marchons dans la lumière comme lui-même est dans la lumière, nous sommes en communion les uns avec les autres, et le sang de Jésus, son Fils, nous purifie de tout péché. Si nous disons : « Nous n'avons pas de péché », nous nous égarons nous-mêmes et la vérité n'est pas en nous. Si nous confessons nos péchés, fidèle et juste comme il est, il nous pardonnera nos péchés et nous purifiera de toute iniquité. Si nous disons : « Nous ne sommes pas pécheurs », nous faisons de lui un menteur, et sa parole n'est pas en nous. Mes petits enfants, je vous écris cela pour que vous ne péchiez pas. Mais si quelqu'un vient à pécher, nous avons un défenseur devant le Père, Jésus Christ, qui est juste ; car il est, lui, victime d'expiation pour nos péchés ; et pas seulement pour les nôtres, mais encore pour ceux du monde entier.

Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux Églises. *Ou* La parole du Seigneur.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or A reading from the first letter of John, (*1 Jn 1:1—2:2*)

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.

The word of the Lord. (**Or** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Tania

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to John. (*Jn 20:19-31*)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Josée

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED (BAS p. 68)

Nick

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Hugh

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life.
After I say “*Lord of life*”, I invite you to say: “*hear our prayer.*”

Lord Jesus, today we greet you, risen from the dead,
victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame, over all evil and wrong.
Keep us mindful of those who labour under these burdens
this day and grant them your peace and comfort.....
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead,
overcoming by the power of love, by patient trust and perseverance,
by faith in God alone. Grant that all your people may have your heart and your mind among them
and help them to minister to one another and to your world in your name....
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead,
proving that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Grant that your most Holy Church and the people of this congregation
might show forth the fruit of reconciliation and draw all people unto you and the peace you offer....
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our living hope, and our power for each day.
We pray O God that you might grant hope and pour out your power
upon those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.....
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our saviour and our redeemer.

Bless we pray now:

- prayers of intercession are offered

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead and we offer you our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service, both now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hugh

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

English (Modern version)

**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 forever. Amen.**

French

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la
terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
Comme nous pardonnons
aussi à ceux qui nous ont
offensés.
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la
tentation, mais délivre-nous
du mal, car c'est à toi
qu'appartiennent le règne, la
puissance et la gloire, aux
siècles des siècles. Amen.**

English (older version)

**Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending

DOXOLOGY

Nick

Glory to God
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

Nick

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing ...
Amen.

HYMN CP #231 – THAT EASTERTIDE WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT (V. 1, 2, AND 4)

1 That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Jesus, the king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nick