

APRIL 11, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The whole body of those who had become believers in Christ
were of one heart and mind.*

*Not one of them claimed any of his goods as his own,
but everything was held for the common use.*

Acts 4



Girls/Young women and birds (other title: Peace)

by Andrea Michnay,

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Sunday Worship 1 - Prayers and Praise - 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 2 - Responding to the Word - 9:30 am



All Previous Lent and Easter Videos remain available for viewing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEGMENT 1 - PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

John 20:19, 22

FotW

**Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds,
unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.**

WELCOME

CALL TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

(Psalm 136)

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.*

*God alone does great wonders;
It is the Lord who spread out the earth on the waters,
who made the great lights;
It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
and rescued us from all that threatens us,*

**O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Thank you, God, for Easter's story:
Christ is Risen! Love has won!
Death with all its power and fury
Can't defeat what you've begun!
Thank you, God, that there is nothing
Stronger than the love you give.
We rejoice: A new world's coming;
In our risen Christ, we live!**

**When the women reached the garden,
They found Jesus had been raised.
Someone dressed in white spoke to them,
Saying, "Do not be afraid.
You are looking here for Jesus,
He is risen. He's not here!"
We are told they fled in terror;
Can we blame them for their fear?**

**God, we know our own reluctance
To proclaim what we've received.
We admit to our own silence,
Wondering if we'll be believed.
Yet, O Lord, the gospel teaching
Doesn't end with nothing said!
Help us all to live the message:
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**Through the years, the church has witnessed —
Christ is risen! Love has won!
As we put our faith in practice,
May we tell what you have done.
As we live in your forgiveness,
As we pardon others, too,
As we work for peace and justice,
May we find new life in you.**

Biblical Reference: Mark 16:1-8

**Tune: William Moore's Columbian Harmony, 1825
("God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens")**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

RG (alt. w/ FotW)

*God's amazing grace goes before us, after us, through us,
often unbeknownst to us, and more often in spite of us.
Because of this amazing grace we have confidence
to come before God and acknowledge our sin.
God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.*

PRAYER HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

~ Carol J Gallagher

**O Creator you are love's beginning
you command us to love one another
making the world complete and whole
as we bend our hearts to every living being.
We are often too full of pride and self love
not seeing your eyes and heart in others
yet we would risk the decline of the world
when we refuse to live for all our relatives.
Many times you told your friends and followers
how to live the way of healing and redemption
too often they were careless and did not listen
and they did not love as you commanded them.
Make us anew today as your humble followers
make love our only truth and our only way
let your heart live in every one who draws near
so that the hoop might be mended in our time. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RG (alt, with FotW)

*The mercy of the Lord is sure.
In Christ Jesus, the righteous one,
we have an advocate with God—
who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.
and set free from the chains that bind us
so that we can be an Easter people.
This is the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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INTERCESSIONS

Ps. 133:1–3; John 20:21–22

alt from FotW, RG, BCP)

*God of the Easter season, . . .
Help us to be open to your presence in our lives ...
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.**

*We pray for the church. . . .
may we truly and devoutly serve you;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

**Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.**

*We pray for the earth. . . .
Creator of all that is, and giver of life,
Help us to see the scars of death that mark your good creation,
and to seek the blessing of life that you offer to all creatures.*

**Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.**

*Almighty God our heavenly Father,
We pray for the people in every land, . . .
Guide the nations of the world into the way of justice & truth, ...
Anoint us with your wisdom, so that we may seek the ways of life.*

**Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.**

*We pray for this community. . . .
Give us a vision of the common good: not clinging to our own possessions
but seeking the fullness of life for all as a testimony to Christ's resurrection.*

**Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.**

*God of salvation and healing,
we come to you as a people who continue to struggle
with overwhelming challenges of the pandemic. . . .*

*Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's light
so that our fellowship may be true and our joy may be complete.*

**Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.**

*By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray
so that the world may come to know your gift of life.
We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray saying, Our Father...*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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SEGUE

NOTE FROM CATHY RE: ANTHEM VIDEO

*I have chosen the hymn, "Trust and Obey," for this coming Sunday. The words in this hymn help us to bear our "burdens and sorrow." Joy will come if we "walk with the Lord" and "trust and obey."
May joy and peace be with you this week, Cathy and Clark*

Prayer by John Birch, Faith & Worship Resources

**May you be a blessing to every life you touch,
and the Spirit within, that life-giving water,
be a gift of refreshment in love shown and shared
with all who are thirsty along the road you travel.**

INTERLUDE

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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SEGMENT 2 - RESPONDING TO "THE WORD"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RG

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we can
hear your Word in the words of Scripture.
Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1 John 1:1; John 20:27–28

FotW

**God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit
enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes,
and to touch with our hands your Word of life
—Jesus Christ— our Lord and our God. Amen.**

HYMN

When Thomas Heard from Jesus

UMH 545

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545)

**When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me,"
He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see.
He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch;
He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.**

**When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say,
"We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?"
He wanted understanding of what he could not see.
Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."**

**When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry,
Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die."
He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread;
Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.**

**What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;
He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.**

**That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea;
At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe.
O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day;
Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.**

*Biblical References: Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16;
John 11:11-16; John 14:1-7; John 20:19-29; John 21:1-7; Acts 1:12-14
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SERMON

**Your word is like a lamp, O Lord,
 And like a light to guide our way;
 For in this ever-changing world,
 It bears your promise every day.**

**You showed your love to Israel,
 And to the world you sent your Son.
 A witness without parallel,
 The scriptures tell what you have done.**

**You speak your word in history,
 To cultures bound by time and place.
 Yet in the Bible we can see
 The boundless reaching of your grace.**

**God, open wide each heart and mind
 By your own Spirit, now we pray,
 That in your scriptures we may find
 New strength to serve you every day.**

Biblical Reference: John 20:19-31

Tune: Robert Schumann, 1839 ("Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak")

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples
 to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RG (alt with FotW)

*God is the fountain of many good gifts.
We are blessed by the goodness all around us.
Remember the first believers, who shared one heart and soul,
held their possessions in common, and distributed them to all in need.
Let us now bring our gifts
in joyful response to the many gifts that we have been given.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John 20:21–22

FotW

**Holy God, we give you thanks and praise
for light and life and love, and—above all—
the presence of the living Lord among us.
By your Spirit who breathes within us,
strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives
to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY - Native American Ministries Sunday



CLOSING PRAYER

A Collect for Guidance

BCP

**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.**

CHARGE

John 20:29–31

FotW

*Let your life be a sign of Christ's life
so that others may come to believe
that the Lord is risen indeed.*

Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(Book of Common Worship, alt dwh)

**We will go out into the world in peace;
with courage; holding onto what is good;
returning no one evil for evil;
supporting the weak; helping the suffering;
honoring all people;
loving and serving the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Forward Through the Ages
Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary
Second Sunday of Easter

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LECTIONARY FOR EASTER DAY

Acts 4:32–35
Psalm 133

1 John 1:1–2:2
John 20:19–31

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

It all happened on Sunday. It was on “the first day of the week” (John 20:19)—the same day Jesus rose from the dead (John 20:1)—when the risen Lord appeared to a group of disciples in a locked house and offered them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Then, one week later (John 20:26), Jesus came again to the disciples (still shut inside the house), this time allowing Thomas to see and touch his hands and side.

Think about the place where you gather for worship on Sunday. Is it open to the surprising presence of Christ and the liberating gifts of the Spirit? (If not, does the Spirit still move? Does Jesus show up anyway?)

Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper?

Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed?

MORNING PRAYER:

God of light, I praise you
for the gift of this new day.
By the power of your Spirit
enable me to live in your light
and seek the holy fellowship
of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER:

Be with me, Lord Jesus,
at the evening of this day.
Enter into my heart
and fill it with your peace
so that I may rejoice and rest
in your presence. Amen.

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Give thanks for:

- ✓ *the blending of Christian traditions and practices, from the West and East*
- ✓ *the faithful witness of churches amid political changes*
- ✓ *those working for more democratic governance in these countries*
- ✓ *those who welcome newcomers and provide for them and others in need.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *better relationships among different ethnic groups and traditions*
- ✓ *respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly, so they can receive adequate education, jobs and health care*
- ✓ *economic developments that serve all people*
- ✓ *ending practices that harm the air, soil and forests, and installing instead measures to protect the environment.*

Prayers

(29th of August, 2015, on the ordination of the author, Áron Bence, pastor of Alberti Lutheran Congregation, Hungary)

God, who comes into our life with your light and says: 'this should not be'; who did not spare even your most precious treasure to change the stifling order of the world into a life-giving freedom! Give us your Spirit, so that we are able to rise against the apathy, oppression and selfishness in us and in the world! In Jesus Christ we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer!

God, who came into this world as a stranger to redeem us; who was taken in by the Egyptians, when you had to flee from your home in the times of the Herod's persecution! Give us your Spirit, so that we may act like your followers when we encounter immigrants! In Jesus Christ we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer!**

God, we give you thanks for families and for the togetherness and support of the family! Give us your Spirit, so that we are able to follow Christ when we see our family not as the egoistic source of our own pride and power, but the solid grounding which enables us to be open towards the unknown and support our fellow-creatures. In Jesus Christ we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer!**

Jesus Christ, who entrusted your Church to the apostles -to Peter and Paul, and to John, James, Mary Magdalene and even to Thomas... Give us your Spirit, so that we may spread the Gospel in the world in a multi-coloured unity! We pray for all church leaders, that they might draw strength from the story of the cross; that they could say the words of hope, justice and mercy without hesitation! In Jesus Christ we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer!

Amen.

Confession of Sins

L1: Christ, you said: I am the way!

L2: We confess that although we should know better, we often stick to our old ways. It is our pursuit of success that determines what we do and the end justifies the means. We prefer the comfortable and easy way and avoid each other. We fail to believe that the goal to which you lead us should even now determine our way. We stand still while you want to continue the journey with us.

We call upon you.

C: Sfinte Dumnezeule

Grant us the gift of unity

(Dr Ion Bria, Romanian Orthodox Church. WAGP p. 161)

O, Lord, who give unto each nation its place and time and mission: grant us the gift of unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that the ancient church, and all Christians of this land, each loyal to their confession, culture and nationality, may discover new forms of common Christian witness, and stand before the divided world as a united and humble fellowship.

O Lord, who commanded your disciples to pray both for their neighbours and their enemies: give us such love for one another, that with one voice and one heart we may glorify your name, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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