

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April 2020

## WELCOME

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.**

During Eastertide Christians throughout the world celebrate the life-giving power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we learn to trust that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Glory to God and highest praise** (Tune: Wiltshire)  
**His people sing on earth;**  
**Worship and thanks to you we raise:**  
**Grant peace, our world's new birth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb once slain,**  
**To take away all sin,**  
**Have mercy on our selfish gain,**  
**Your love all people win.**

**For you are God the Holy One,**  
**You are the Lord Most High,**  
**Who with the Spirit praises run**  
**In Father's glory nigh!**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

## ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## HYMN 203

(Tune: Vulpius, Gelobt sei Gott)

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 The Lord of life is ris'n today;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 That name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing to-day with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:**

### *A READING FOR THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For

you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

*(Acts 2.14a, 22-32)*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦  
upon those who are noble in heart.**
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 **The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦  
in your hands alone is my fortune.**
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. [R]
- 6 **I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 **Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦  
my flesh also shall rest secure.**
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

**10 You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*Alleluias are sung before and after the Gospel.*

*HEAR THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACC. TO JOHN*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on 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

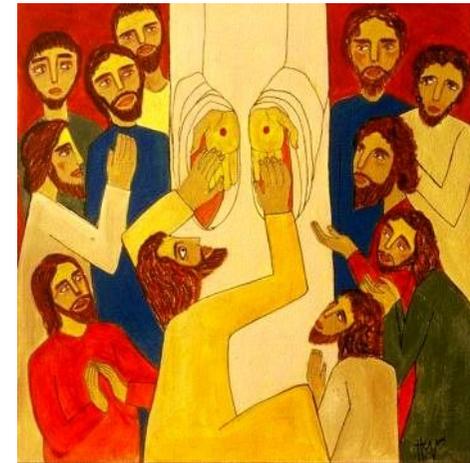
hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of 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. *(John 20.19-end)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

### **TIME FOR SILENT CORPORATE REFLECTION**

My Lord and my God - Hanna-Cheriyyan Varghese  
1938 – 2009, Malaysia



## **THE 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 worshipped 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## BLESSING

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

## HYMN 201

(Tune Ave Virgo Virginum)

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls to-day;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.**

**Alleluia now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
Alleluia, with the Son,  
God the Father praising;  
Alleluia yet again  
to the Spirit raising.**

#### **NOTICES**

#### **BLESSING**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

Below is a fifth verse to the hymn *Come, ye faithful raise the strain* particularly suited to be sung today given the Gospel reading set.

Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold thee as a mortal:  
**but today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
thine own peace, which evermore  
passeth human knowing.**