

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

## Greetings and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: **And also with you.**

A: 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 in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



## We Walk by Faith

### Verse 1

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

### Verse 2

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

### Verse 3

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:

### Verse 4

For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.

### Verse 5

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

## First Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

P: A reading... C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>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.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon – Pastor Paul

### Prayers of Intercession / Sign of the Peace / Interlude

#### Lord’s Prayer / Announcements / Final Blessing

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### Dismissal

A: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### Blessed Are Those

##### Chorus:

Blessed are those who do believe. Blessed are those who do believe. Though they have not seen they trust God faithfully.  
(Sing twice)

##### Verse 1:

Some people doubt what they have not seen. They will not blindly follow what is said. Others view this as a weakness but it can authenticate instead. See my nail pierced hands. Come touch my wounded side. I give what you need for faith as you give your trust completely my Spirit will guide.

##### Chorus:

Blessed are those who do believe. Blessed are those who do believe. Though they have not seen they trust God faithfully.  
(Sing twice)

##### Verse 2:

As I’ve been given so I give you to the world, forgive the sins of all, bringing hope to doubting faces, tearing down where hatred builds a wall. And as you bring life to places here and far, always keep in mind you are not loved for what you do but for whose you are.

##### Chorus:

Blessed are those who do believe. Blessed are those who do believe. Though they have not seen they trust God faithfully.  
(Sing twice)