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Grace Episcopal Church
Virtual Worship
Second Sunday of Easter

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Opening

Celebrant:
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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



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Collect for Purity

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.*



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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*



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The Collect

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.*



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First Reading: **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 God's people

People: Thanks be to God



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Psalm 133

- 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.



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Second Reading: **1 John 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.

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Second Reading *continued*

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.

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Gospel **John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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."

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Gospel *continued*

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 the Lord
People: Praise to you Lord Christ



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Sermon
Rev. Grant



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The Nicene Creed

Rev Grant's microphone open, all others muted

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



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Prayers of the People - Reader

Leader: We give you thanks for the Risen Christ who lives in the Church throughout the world. Bless it Lord God, sustain it, and lead it into new life.

Leader: We thank you God of creation for the world around us, with the coming of spring, the use of our intellect and skill to enhance the well-being of all people, for those who grow our food, those who work while we sleep, the leaders and people of our towns, states, countries. We give thanks for the whole created order raised anew with the Risen Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all those longing for the assurance that new life comes from our past and present struggles. We pray now especially for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:

Dot B., Marilyn W., Kyle M., Jennifer M., Claire M., Muriel C., Daniel, Marjorie S., Tom D., JoAnn B., Vi G., Andrew D., Loren C., Richard T., Pat N., Rebecca T., Stephanie T., David T., George M., Alison S., Diane M., John V., Norm L., Janet D., Beth W., Ron, Nancy M., Michele T., Carole H.P., Nick, Autumn & Curtiss C.

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Prayers of the People *continued*

Leader: We pray for those serving in the military, especially: Matt C., Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Monique & Joey

Leader: We give thanks for those whom we have loved but see no longer. They stand before you and pray for us, as we now pray for them to grow closer and closer into your love and light.

Leader allows a moment of quiet for all to name out loud or in the hearts those who have died.

Leader: We pray for the special intentions given this day, for those in need and thanksgiving for blessings

Leader or other person reads petitions entered into Zoom Chat

Leader: Are there other intercessions or thanksgivings others wish to name?

All are invited to unmute their lines and offer further prayer needs.

Celebrant: asks if there are any birthdays or anniversaries to be celebrated in the coming week, then prays for those named; if none come forward with birthdays or anniversaries, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

You may also add your prayers in the chat box, including birthday or anniversary remembrances.



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The Lord's Prayer

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

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



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A General Thanksgiving (2007 Version)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

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A General Thanksgiving *continued*

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

Blessing

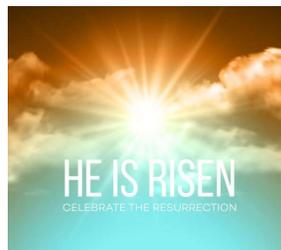


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Dismissal



Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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



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News

Pastoral Care

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

Pastoral Care needs abound. Do you want to talk with someone, need a driver for shopping or ride to doctors' offices, or a meal? Or does someone need a check-in by phone? If you have any pastoral care needs OR If you are interested in helping with this ministry, call Louise Thomas at [508-699-4527](tel:508-699-4527).

May 1st "Spaghetti & Meatball Supper"

We will use the "Pick Up System".



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