



The Second Sunday of Easter

Resurrection Hymn. "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!" LSB #466

by Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938, tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Tune: "MFURAHINI HALELUYA"

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

(Refrain):

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And it its conquest His might did show." (Refrain)
3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tom is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there." (Refrain)

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Confession and Absolution.

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Response: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Response: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response: Amen.

Introit/Psalm.

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; 1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV)

Verse: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up into salvation

Response: If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Verse: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

Response: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Verse: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Response: Tell of all his wondrous works!

Verse: Glory in his holy name;

Response: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Verse: Seek the LORD and his strength;

Response: Seek his presence continually!

Verse: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

Response: His miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Verse: He remembers his covenant forever,

Response: The word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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

Verse: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up into salvation

Response: If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie.

Verse: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord have mercy.

Verse: For the peace from above
and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord have mercy.

Verse: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord have mercy.

Verse: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord have mercy.

Verse: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Response: Amen.

Hymn of Praise.

Verse: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Response:

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.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's
resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that
Jesus is Lord and God, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture.

Acts 5:29-42 (ESV)

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you

are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Verse: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Verse: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Verse: The Holy Gospel according to St John, the 20th chapter.

Response: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:19-31 (ESV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Verse: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, O Christ.**Hymn of the Day.****LSB #471****“O Sons and Daughters of the King”***attr. Jean Tisserand, b. 1494, tr. John Mason Neale**Tune: “O Filii Et Filiae”*

Opening: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

1. O sons and daughters of the King,
whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
today the grave has lost its sting.
Alleluia!
2. That Easter morn at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!
3. An angel clad in white they see,
who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia!
4. That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Master dear
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!
5. When Thomas first the tidings heard
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!
6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon My hands, My feet;
not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side.
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!
8. How blest are they who have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

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⁸ *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,* ⁹ *obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

I pray:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. *(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism)*

My name is Thomas, and, I bear witness with a long line of saints who have gone before me. Here I stand with Martin Luther and profess that,

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and

blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

But, the Apostle Thomas had missed the Memo.

True, the memo was given the past Sunday; but, Thomas was not there. In the memo was the very Word of the Risen Lord who showed Himself as living in both body and soul. But Thomas was not there. Jesus had appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with You!" But Thomas was not there.

The disciples were locked down, hiding in fear behind closed doors. Death had taken too many loved ones. And now the One who is Love had died. He was crucified. They fled the scene. Passover's Sabbath had left the streets eerily empty. A few huddled together, away from the crowds. Maybe social isolation would keep death distant from the door. No one knew what was in store. And no one knew where Thomas was, because Thomas was not there.

Thomas did not know the Peace who was now walking in their midst. So, Thomas had no peace in his soul. For fear of death they were locked behind the door. This solitary confinement brings no solitude.

Never mind the locked doors. The Door of Life came in to their midst.

John 20:19 "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord."

The disciple Peter reflected on this very moment:

¹ *Peter 1:3* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

In this pandemic panicked world we hear that the nations are worried about the breath in our life. We hear a lot of wind about the corona that has traveled around the world and threatens to snuff out the light of the world.

I know that many are worried about the essential needs of this body and life. Governors and their people are standing sometimes side by side and sometimes toe to toe, but always standing six feet apart over what truly is needed for this body and life.

The Kentucky Governor reflected on March, 24, businesses that will stay open are food and drink, repair and life services. Businesses that will be closed included new sales and furnishings and hobbies.

The doors are closed to many churches; but, churches have arisen as businesses that are essential. Most masses with mass gatherings have closed, but faith, hope and love have spread wide open across countless homes. For the most part church buildings have closed their doors and opened up the airwaves. Faith can't be shut in. Faith in a living Lord is living. Faith in a dead world is dead.

John 20:24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Thomas likely wondered what possibly could be left after Jesus had died. For Thomas, all was perishable, defiled, and fading. Looking at the world today, we see all goes the way of the grave. And for Thomas, Jesus was in the grave.

Peter knew the old outcome of the body. Death comes to us all. But Peter now knew the new Hope in Christ Jesus. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! The salvation of our souls is made sure by the resurrection of the body. And His body is no longer in the tomb. My name is Thomas; I know, I put my hand there in Jerusalem.

¹ *Peter 1:4* shows us a risen Christ who gives us ¹ *Peter 1:4,5* "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The outcome of our faith? The salvation of our souls.

John 20:26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Many of you listening to my voice right now know 1 Peter 1:6, 1 Peter 1:6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

He is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Psalms 148 English Standard Version (ESV)

148 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

³ **Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!**

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷ **Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ **Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

¹² **Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for the Word.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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;
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering.—Send your offering to God by supporting your house of worship

Offertory

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

And will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation

And will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Blessing.

Verse: Let us bless the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn. "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"

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4. "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won."

(Refrain):

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

5. Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. (Refrain)

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