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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

MORNING PRAYER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

UNDERLINED TEXT IS UNSPOKEN

*Italicized text is unspoken.*

Standard text is spoken by the officiant alone.

**Bold text is spoken by the people (with or without the officiant).**

PRELUDE:

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
 \*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
 \*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

- 6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 - bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

## THE OPENING

### *Opening Sentence*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### *Confession*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### *Versicle and Response*

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*Christ Our Passover*

*Pascha nostrum*

*I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; I Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \***

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*Antiphon*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

THE PSALM *Psalm 133, Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 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.**

## *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (*Acts 4:32-35*)

A reading from the Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Canticle 8 The Song of Moses*

#### *Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been**

**drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** *(1 John 1:1-2:2)*

A reading from the First Letter of John

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle 21 You are God*  
*Te Deum laudamus*

**You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
 vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en.

Words: George R. Woodward (1848-1934), alt.

Music: Vruuchten, melody from *Psalmen*, 1685; harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

67. 67 with Refrain

## THE GOSPEL (*John 12: 19-31*)

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."

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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Farrell D. Graves, PhD*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## *Suffrages*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS

### *Collect of the Day: The Second Sunday of Easter*

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.**

### *For Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### *World Cycle of Prayer*

We pray for the people of Jordan.

## *Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer*

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the Society of St. Pius X.

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### *Prayers and Intercessions*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Silence*

We pray to the LORD,  
to the God who is our shelter and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.  
**Lord, you are our refuge and strength.**

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those awaiting vaccination, for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness.

### *Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.  
**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**  
Lord, you are in the midst of us:  
**help us in our time of trouble.**

We pray for the young and those in education:

for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, you are our refuge and strength:

**let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed.**

We pray for key workers:

for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for pharmacy workers, dispensing medicine, and social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, be with us in our time of need:

**help us to do what has been asked of us,**

**and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them.**

We pray for the police:

for those public servants on whom we call to protect, to serve, and to defend justice and our constitutional rights. May they be shielded from all danger and guided in the exercise of their civic duties by profound respect for the humanity of all.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

We pray for the world:

for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, may the nations hear your voice:

**and know that you are God,  
supreme among the nations,  
supreme over all the world.**

We pray for those who are sick:

for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer, and for those on our prayer needs lists, especially Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Kathryn Bradley, Kim Palutis, John Scheide, JoAnn LaMarca, John Bryant, Jeff Weber, Allen Rundall, Tony Darguzas, Bill Grothe, Marcia Hahn, Rolf Redin, Linda Doyle, Gerri Romaniello, Bev Veenker, Walter Britton, and Jennifer, Sydney, and Penny Missbach.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant:

**bring us comfort and healing,  
for you are always willing to save.**

We pray for the Church:

for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world;  
for the Episcopal Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob,  
our bishop, for Fr. Farrell, Deacon Jean, and Deacon Mike, and for all  
who minister to the sick and the dying.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, you are in the midst of us:

**keep us fearless in proclaiming your Word and works,  
and make us to be lights in the darkness.**

We pray for those who have died:

for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the  
families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have  
died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

We pray for our nation:

God of our Salvation,  
you have ordained that we should serve you  
in serving one another:

**Look upon this nation,  
burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties,  
with infection, sickness, and untimely death.**

Grant us grace to work together,  
with honest and faithful hearts,  
each caring for the good of all;  
that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness,  
we may have added to us all things that we need  
for our daily sustenance  
and the common good.

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, may those who have waited for you  
and hoped in your word  
know your steadfast love face to face.

We offer up our hopes and fears,  
our joys and sorrows  
to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers,  
and hear the voice of our supplications,  
as we, who trust in your word,  
eagerly await your help:

for you are the God of our salvation.

This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Prayer when one cannot celebrate the Eucharist*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: #182

### Christ is Alive



The musical score for the hymn "Christ is Alive" is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with five verses numbered 1 through 5. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line and the concluding cadence.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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## THE ENDING

### *Benediction*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

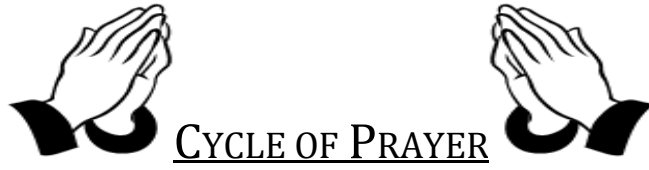
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

## POSTLUDE:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**TO CONTACT FR. FARRELL:** For pastoral concerns and prayer, please call or text Fr. Farrell at 917-287-0880 or email at fdgraves@icoud.com. He is not in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, but will respond to emergencies on any day. Deacons Jean and Michael are also available for pastoral care and prayer.



**Please pray for the following:**

**IN OUR WORLD:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean  
**IN OUR DIOCESE:** St. Andrew's in Goldsboro and St. Paul's in Edenton  
**IN OUR COMPANION DIOCESE:** San Marcos in Haina  
**IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Shepherd Assembly Church, West Brunswick High School, and Waccamaw Boys & Girls Home  
**IN OUR PARISH:** Pamela and Kevin MaddoxJefferson, Jane and Michael Malpass, and Bobbie Masich

**For Healing:**

**Acute Needs:** Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Kathryn Bradley, Kim Palutis, John Scheide, JoAnn LaMarca, John Bryant, Jeff Weber, Allen Rundall, Tony Darguzas, Bill Grothe, Marcia Hahn, Rolf Redin, Linda Doyle, Gerri Romaniello, Bev Veenker, Walter Britton, and Jennifer, Sydney, and Penny Missbach.

**Ongoing Needs:**

Kyla Agrimonti	Sterling Gray	Fran White	Donna Hinds
Jerry Block	Jean Gillette	Ann Alexander	Conrad Hendricksen
Joseph Campbell	Richard Wood	Margaret Pazdan	Janet Thompson
Sally Manifold	Vicki Kay	Susan Weber	Brian Weber
David Rohr	Jannie Anello	Martie Tittle	

*Members of our Armed Forces & First Responders and their families*

**We offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birthdays and Anniversaries of the following:**

**April 11:** Dan Dickerson

**April 13:** Frank Wilson

**April 14:** Gary Knight

**April 15:** Bill Grothe

**April 16:** Edith Edwards, Michael Grasso

**April 17:** Bob Lynott, Janice Spessard, Debby Boyd

Those on the Acute list will be prayed for by name during our services. All requested prayers are included in the daily Intercessory Prayers of the Rector and DOK for 1 month. Those not renewed by phone/card to the church office or through a DOK member will be removed. We ask the parish at large to uphold the names on both lists in their daily prayers.

***Our Daughters of the King also maintain the prayer alcove with vigil candles for your use in meditation.***

