



Ye seek **Jesus**

And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth,
which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here. *Mark 16:6*

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The Second Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, 2020

The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! **1 Corinthians 5:7**

Versicles & Responses

V. Hear us, O Lord,

R. **For your mercy is great.**

V. We will exalt you, O God our Saviour,

R. **And praise your name forever and ever.**

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

R. **As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over Him.
In dying He died to sin once for all;
in living He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death:
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All:

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore.

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

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *“Peter Addresses the Crowd”*

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 22 ‘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— 23 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. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 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; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

29 ‘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. ³⁰Since 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. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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.

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*
Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

I will sing to the Lord, for His glorious triumph;
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;
the Lord Himself has become my Saviour.
He is my God and I will praise Him;
my father’s God and I will exalt Him.
The Lord Himself is a mighty warrior;
the Lord, the Lord is His name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,
holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place,
and planted them on your own mountain
You brought them into your own house.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

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.

Second Lesson: John 20:19-31 “*Jesus appears to the Disciples*”

19 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.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Jesus and Thomas

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.’

26 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.’

²⁷Then 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.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the
house of your servant David.
Through his holy prophets
You promised of old to save us from our enemies
from the hands of all who hate us.
To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy
covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set
us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before
you all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the
forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high
shall break upon us,

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALL:

**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 forever. *Amen.***

THE SUFFRAGES “A”

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;

R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;

R. And teach our leaders wisdom.

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;

R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;

R. That your justice may be known among all people.

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;

R. That in us and through us your will may be done.

The 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.**

A Collect for Protection

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defense and not fear the power of any adversary, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Reflection

Special Intentions for today: for discernment to come to resurrection faith; for boldness to proclaim the saving presence of Christ; and for deliverance and healing in the midst of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, in the world today.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
A light to our paths,
And a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all persons in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING ~ “*Ascension to Eve of Pentecost*”

Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.



The Second Sunday of Easter YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Comments ~ “*God fulfills the promise to David*”

In this lesson **Peter preaches the fundamental message of the resurrection.** The time is just after the Pentecost experience and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Author of Acts presents a picture of Peter in Jerusalem telling the news about Jesus of Nazareth. Speaking to a Jewish

audience, Peter seeks to show that a passage from the Psalms that promises protection from the powers of death could not have applied to King David, but instead was a prophecy about Jesus' resurrection.

Psalm 16

Contentment, refuge, and joy are found in the presence of the Lord, and God's faithful servant will not be abandoned at death.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Comments ~ *"New birth to a living hope"*

This reading tells of **the new birth Christians have received through baptism which brings them a living hope through Jesus's resurrection and an imperishable inheritance.** The letter is addressed to former pagans living in the country we now know as Turkey. They have been experiencing some form of persecution. They are encouraged to regard their trials as a testing, and to think of their faith as more precious than gold, which passes purified and unharmed through fire.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Comments ~ *"Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ"*

Our Gospel presents **two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples.** The first takes place on the very evening of the day of his resurrection. The disciples are gathered in fear, but Jesus brings them peace, gives them their mission, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. A week later, Thomas, who had been absent when Jesus first appeared and who doubted his resurrection, now knows Jesus by his wounds and worships him as his Lord and God. Future disciples will

not have Jesus' physical presence, but they will be blessed in their belief.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. **The Cathedral Church** is now fully closed further to the recent announcement of emergency measures by The Attorney General, The Honourable Dale Marshall, Q.C., M.P., due to Barbados being at Stage 3 of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic which restricts all Churches from opening.

2. **Confirmation Classes:** Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Interested persons can collect forms from the table at the west door of the Cathedral. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as health conditions in the country make that possible.

3. **Household Worship:** The cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Week of Second Easter begins on page 747, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, April 20th, 2020 are Exodus 14:21-31; Psalms 1, 2, & 3; and John 14:(1-7) 8-17.

4. **Stewardship of Treasure:** During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate worship, I appeal to everyone to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral. By the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. I further encourage members to make your contributions in any of the following ways:
- i. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.
 - ii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02.
 - iii. If none of these two arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.
5. **Ministry Today:** The regular pattern of worship in the Church has been suspended indefinitely; and the circumstances inhibit the practice of ministry in general. There are implications everywhere. The Diocesan administration is engaged in looking at interim measures to cope with the crisis; so too has been the Cathedral's leadership. It is hoped that members would appreciate the difficulties and play their part in supporting their clergy and each other, by prayer and electronic communication. Be assured of the clergy's concern for the well-being of all; and of

their prayers during this unprecedented time in the affairs of the world, the nation and the Church. The following basic ministries will be sustained during this period: Administration (Human Resources, Financial and Property management); Christian Education (Bible study, etc.); Pastoral Services (Prayer, Counsel and Bereavement Support); Social Outreach (Deacon's Cupboard, SMCFA); and Worship (Streaming of services, Family worship, Daily Devotion).

***Congratulations to all those person celebrating
birthdays this week ~ April 19th – 25th, 2020***

Mr. William Cumberbatch ~ 21st

Mr. Harold DaC. Alleyne ~ 25th

Ms. Vivian G. O. Bowen ~ 25th

Ms. Lian N. Clarke ~ 25th

Mrs. Sandra Moore ~ 25th



May God bless and strengthen you.

Theme for the Week

***“Jesus’ resurrection is the keynote of our
faith.”***

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