



## April 24, 2022: The Second Sunday of Easter

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**Organ Prelude**

Hymn Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Opening Hymn 205**

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Tune: *Gelobt sei Gott*

### **Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.**

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.

### **The First Lesson**

*Acts 5:27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

### **Psalm 150**

*A Psalter for the Christian People, p. 199*

*The Psalm is read responsively breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; \*  
**give praise in the firmament of heaven.**
- 2 Praise God who is mighty in deed; \*  
**give praise for God's excellent greatness.**
- 3 Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
**give praise with lyre and harp.**
- 4 Praise God with timbrel and dance; \*  
**give praise with strings and pipe.**
- 5 Praise God with resounding cymbals; \*  
**give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.**
- 6 Let everything that has breath \*  
**praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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 religious authorities, 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.

## Offertory Anthem

Now the green blade riseth

Simon Andrews (b.1958)

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

**Music During Communion**

Aria

George Friderick Handel (1685-1750)

**Closing Hymn 400** (ST 1, 4, 5, and 7)

All creatures of our God and King

Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Organ Postlude**

Chorale Prelude on *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, BWV 625  
(Christ lay in Death's bonds)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of:

*Lois A. Stephens and Richard F. Roberts* given by The Rev. Judith Roberts

*Howard and Sophie Dakin* given by Henry and Margaret Wheeler

*Stan & Ruth Emerson, Paul & Nancy Sharpe and Paul Gerry Sharpe* given by The Sharpe Family

*Dorrice Nash Barr* given by The Barr Family

*Merilyn D. Eaton* given by Gail and Charlie Cote

Your prayers are requested for Kathryn and family, Kim F., Eva and her family, Priscilla T., Kenna C., Pat H., Sam, Elizabeth, Sunrise, Michael G., Janet, Bill C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, Bill E., Ann, Linda F., Ellen, Gavin, Nancy, Sara, and Mike. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; Jennifer, Pastor at MANNA; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Laxil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Concord River Deanery: St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton; St. Michael's Church, Holliston; St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton; St. Luke's Church, Hudson; and Episcopal Church Women.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Temple Beth Shalom.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

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**Lector:** Phil Bergen

**Intercessor:** Debby Rempis

**Ushers:** Tedi Eaton

**Vergers:** TBA

**Digital Vergers:** TBA

**Crucifer:** TBA

**Altar Guild:** Dorothy Rifai, Bea Dagdigian, and Dottie Hagar

**Coffee Hour:** Nancy Stern and Barbara Brailey

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