

**Order of Worship  
For  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 16, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen!**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!  
And also with you!*

**KYRIE**

*(from the ELW, pages 140-141)*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb, who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun His reign, alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **PRAYER**

*Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith in You and receive the fullness of the blessing of Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **SONG**

**“Mourning into Dancing”**

### **READING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14-18

**The lesson for today is from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians,  
chapter five, verses fourteen through eighteen.**

**Paul writes:**

*<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that One has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And He died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the One who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know Him in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

## **GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

**The Gospel reading is from John,  
chapter twenty, verses nineteen through thirty-one.**

**John writes:**

*<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."*

*<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**"Turn The Page"**

**Rev. David Hewitt**

*What does Paul mean, when he says, "From now on we regard no one from a human point of view"? From what point of view should we see others? Let's explore this with Pastor David!*

**MESSAGE**

**“Thomas And Our 8<sup>th</sup> Day”**

**Rev. David Hewitt**

*Find out how Thomas is a good example for us. Not through his doubts. But through his newfound 8th day faith.*

**HYMN**

**“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”**

**ELW 382**

**OFFERING**

*Your offerings are more than just money to keep the lights turned on. Your gifts help to sustain and expand all of our ministries here at King of Glory, including those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need. We are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, and we strive to be good stewards of the resources you provide to us.*

*On the first Sunday of each month, we take up a special offering towards world hunger. If you are giving online, simply select the "World Hunger" option.*

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**HYMN**

**“We Are an Offering”**

**ELW 692**

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
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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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.*

### **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 forever.  
Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

***For those worshipping in-house,  
we invite you to come forward if you wish.  
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,  
you may so.***

***For those worshipping online,***  
*If you are able,*  
*we invite you to take communion where you are,*  
*using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body*  
*and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and  
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

**SONG**

***“Easter Song”***

**BENEDICTION**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon  
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**SENDNG SONG**

***“Sing Wherever I Go”***

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