

The Second Sunday of Easter

7 April 2024 | 10:00 am

A Welcome from the Dean

Grace and peace be with you! On behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral family, I want to welcome you this morning into the warm embrace of this beloved community. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time in worship and fellowship with us today.

Jesus said, “when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.” Indeed, it is my hope that, through our prayers, music, preaching, and fellowship at God’s table, you will feel the presence of Christ’s love incarnate in this place.

Our vision is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of Christ’s love. In covenant with God and each other, our shared mission is to be Christ’s loving, healing, liberating, and reconciling presence in our city and in our diocese.

It is the custom of the Cathedral that during the Holy Eucharist, all are welcome at God’s table to receive the bread and wine, or, if you prefer, a blessing. You are also welcome to stay seated in quiet contemplation. Just know that no matter who you are, where you’re from, you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral and ways to connect and get involved, please fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews, one of our ushers will be happy to receive it and one of our clergy members will reach out in the coming week or use the QR code located in the pew.

If you are able, please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the library (follow the signs), and if you are joining us on the third Sunday of the month, please join us for a tasty brunch in the undercroft (follow the signs).

Again, I welcome you, and give God thanks for your presence with us today!

Your Brother in Christ,
Dean Owen Thompson+

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on “Christ lag in Todesbanden”

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

Hymn at the Entrance

That Easter day with joy was bright

The Hymnal 1982: No. 193

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria in excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding – same beat as before, not slower)

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, _____

in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men. _____

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 People sit.

The First Lesson

A reading from the Book of Acts.

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. *Acts 4:32-35 (NRSV)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Psalm 133
Chant: Hezekiah West

The Second Lesson

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.

1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

The Hymnal 1982: No. 195

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

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 the 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,
 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 People

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying

Let us join our hearts and voices in praying for ourselves, our neighbors, the church, and the world.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

after each petition

We lift our prayers to you today.

My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect. The People respond **Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Anthem at the Offertory

Rejoice All Spirits!

Rejoice all spirits!

The ascending sun shines alike on the living and the dead.

As the true Helios, Christ climbed the heights of heaven.

Christ the Sun of suns, risen from the wintry ground of death,
now scatters the darkness from our path.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

Radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered death! Glory fills you!

Darkness banishes for ever! Alleluia!

Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!

Alleluia!

Text: Ray Simpson (b. 1940)

Music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Hymn at the Presentation

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

The Hymnal 1982: No. 205

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



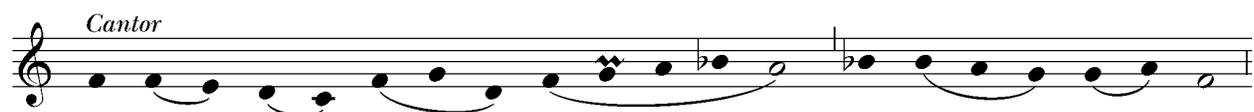
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music at the Communion

Ecce quam bonum

*Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum,
habitare fratres in unum!
Sicut unguentum in capite,
quod descendit in barbam,
barbam Aaron,
quod descendit in oram vestimenti ejus;
sicut ros Hermon,
qui descendit in montem Sion.
Quoniam illic mandavit Dominus benedictionem,
et vitam usque in saeculum.*

Text: Psalm 133

Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

O sons and daughters, let us sing

The Hymnal 1982: No. 206

The People stand.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

We walk by faith and not by sight

The Hymnal 1982: No. 209

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Offertoire sur “O filii et filiae,” Op. 49, No. 2

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)



Ministers

The Reverend Canon Brian Blayer, *Celebrant*
The Very Reverend Owen Thompson, *Preacher*
The Reverend Canon Ted Albert, *Deacon*

Dianne Butler, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
John Moreland, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Karen Moreland, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
George Mutema, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*

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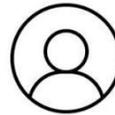
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