

# APRIL 11, 2021 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Prelude** - "Meditation on St. Anthony's Chorale" tune by Haydn; arranged by Birchwood

*Stand*

## **487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

*sts. 1, 4-5*

1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,  
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.  
Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **EASTER Dialog**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C** for He has done marvelous things.
- P** The Lord is my strength and my song;  
**C** He has become my salvation.
- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**C** His love endures forever.
- P** This is the day the Lord has made;  
**C** we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 4:32–35*

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 148*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,

stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,

creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

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

## Epistle

*1 John 1:1—2:2*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### 843 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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| 1    “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”<br>You taught us, Lord, to pray;<br>But You alone can grant us grace<br>To live the words we say. | 3    In blazing light Your cross reveals<br>The truth we dimly knew:<br>What trivial debts are owed to us,<br>How great our debt to You!                 |
| 2    How can Your pardon reach and bless<br>The unforgiving heart<br>That broods on wrongs and will not let<br>Old bitterness depart?    | 4    Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls<br>And bid resentment cease;<br>Then, bound to all in bonds of love,<br>Our lives will spread Your peace. |

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### Sermon

*Stand*

### Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
      maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
      who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
      born of the virgin Mary,  
      suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
      was crucified, died and was buried.  
      He descended into hell.  
      The third day He rose again from the dead.  
      He ascended into heaven  
      and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
      From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
      the holy Christian Church,  
      the communion of saints,  
      the forgiveness of sins,  
      the resurrection of the body,  
      and the life  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## 763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

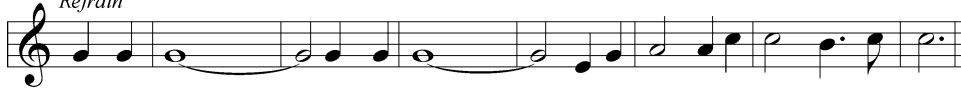


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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*Kneel*

## Prayer of the Church

*Each petition ends:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** Hear our prayer!

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## 603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!  
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Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Postlude - "Lead ON, O King Eternal" setting by Thompson

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