



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 24, 2022

READINGS: ACTS 5:27-32; PSALM 150; REVELATION 1:4-8; JOHN 20:19-31

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME MARILYN BIERY AS OUR ORGANIST.

Organ: Cantabile and Reflection on "We Walk by Faith" -- James Biery

**Hymn 200: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord 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.**

**Hymnal S-280: Glory to God in the Highest**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,

**Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

IN OUR LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS, THE APOSTLES ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND AGAIN ORDERED TO CEASE TEACHING IN THE NAME OF JESUS. PETER AND THE APOSTLES CLAIM A HIGHER AUTHORITY, THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST BEAR WITNESS TO JESUS.

Peter and the apostles were brought before the Jerusalem 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 Saviour, so 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.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 150 IS SUNG (PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

**Within his temple, give God praise; In heaven above, give praise;  
For all his greatness, give God praise; For might acts, give praise.**

**Upon the ram's horn, give God praise; With lyre and harp, give praise;  
With dance and timbrel, give God praise; With strings and pipe, give praise;**

**With clashing cymbals, give God praise; With cymbals loud, give praise;  
Let all that has breath, give God praise; Praise to the Lord, all praise.**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

JOHN THE SEER WRITES THAT THE RESURRECTED JESUS FREES DISCIPLES FROM THEIR SINS AND MAKES THEM A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS SERVING THE ONE WHO IS AND WAS AND IS TO COME.

I, John, write to the seven churches that are in Asia, saying "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 for ever 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."

"The Lord says, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John  
**Glorify 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

## Prayers of the People

Christ this day is victorious over the power of death, and has revealed the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, O Risen Christ."

+ For the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who opens those graves that we ourselves have made; and who this day opens the gates of abundant life; for this we pray; **R.**

+ For the leaders of the nations, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and a generous life; for this we pray; **R.**

+ For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife, conflict and violence destroy peace; that the new birth of reconciliation and hope may release all who are suffering or imprisoned; for this we pray; **R.**

+ For these great Fifty Days of Easter, that all people may know the mystery of redemption and the triumph of new life; for this we pray; **R.**

+ For all who are in need, want, sickness or trouble; for all whose names we carry in our hearts this day, and those for whom we ask special intercession: Beverly Hatcher, Allen Berchem, Robert Ludlow, Richard Burns, Don Burton, Lynn Kerber, Jean Thompson, Ed Haug. For these and more we pray. **R.**

+ In remembrance of all the faithful departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who rest in promise of the resurrection to eternal life that this day proclaims; for this we pray; **R.**

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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 honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Living God, it was faithful women who proclaimed the good news of Jesus's resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Forgive us all our sins and hear all our prayers. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, our prayers as devout, and our faith as true. All this we pray. **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### **Offertory Hymn 206, O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Music during Communion: Woman, Weeping in the Garden -- David Sims*

*After all have received, please stand.*

Eternal God; **Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Hymn 208: The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done**

Organ: Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter - James Biery

A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL!

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Our Mission: We share the light of Christ  
by actively loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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