

# The Second Sunday of Easter: April 11, 2021

Readings and Music

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave 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 owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Psalm 133

<sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
When brethren live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head  
That runs down upon the beard,

<sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon  
That falls upon the hills of Zion.

<sup>5</sup> For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
Life forever more.

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>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." <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, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

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Processional Hymn: Christ, the Lord is risen today (1-4)

Hymn of the Day: We walk by faith

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide

Processional Hymn: Now all the vault of Heaven resounds

LLANFAIR. 7 7, 7 7. With Alleluias.

ROBERT WILLIAMS, *cir.* 1781-1821*Broadly, with dignity*

1. Christ, the Lord, is risen to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Christ, the Vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, haste your vows to pay; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and man hath re - con - ciled; Al - le - lu - ia!

Of - fer ye your prais - es meet, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ is risen, to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Whilst in strange and aw - ful strife, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Voices in unison*

At the Pas - chal Vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now he lives no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Met to - geth - er death and Life. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

# Easter

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| <p>4 Christians, on this happy day, Alleluia!<br/>                 Haste with joy your vows to pay; Alleluia!<br/>                 Christ is risen, today we cry; Alleluia!<br/>                 Now he lives no more to die. Alleluia!</p>      | <p>5 Christ who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!<br/>                 Now the first-born from the dead,<br/>                 Alleluia!<br/>                 Throned in endless might and power,<br/>                 Alleluia!<br/>                 Lives and reigns for evermore. Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>6 Hail, Eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!<br/>                 Hail, thou King of Victory! Alleluia!<br/>                 Hail, thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!<br/>                 Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia! Amen.</p> |  |

*Latin Sequence, Victimae Paschali*  
*Tr. Jane Eliza Leeson, 1807-82*

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EASTER GLORY (FRED TIL BOD). 7 7, 7 7, 7 7.

*Triumphantly*

LUDVIG MATTHIAS LINDEMAN, 1812-87

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! Won the bat - tle glo - ri - ous!  
 From the gloom-y vault of death He hath come vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Lead-ing to their heav-en-ly home Count-less mul - ti - tudes to come. A-men.

2 Alleluia! O my soul,  
 Life eternal waits for thee;  
 Saved by him, the Living One,  
 Where he is, thou too shalt be,  
 Safe within the promised land,  
 With the Lord at God's right hand.

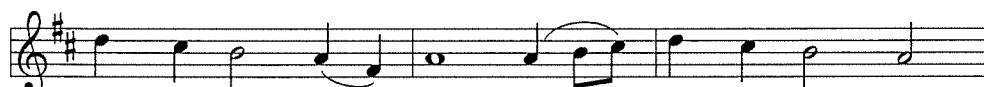
3 Alleluia! heavenly choirs  
 Joyfully their voices raise!  
 Let us mortals here below  
 Blend with theirs our songs of praise.  
 Glory to the eternal Son!  
 Glory to the Risen One! Amen.

*Carl R. Geyer 1763, 1841*

## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

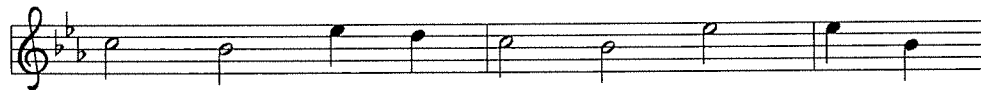
## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



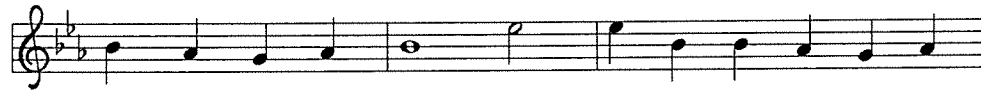
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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