



Easter

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Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19, 2020



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift High the Cross — Kitchin/Nicholson; setting: Hafso
Jiyoung Lee, Scott Hafso

WELCOME

Pastor Jim Kruse

GREETING

PM: Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God



Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the 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 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

C: 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 Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

AM: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

A family is shut into their home because of what is going on outside in the streets. None of them really knows how dangerous it is. Anyone, or no one, could touch them, or walk too close to them, or just breath on them, and it would all be over. If any single one of them has to go out, it puts the whole house in jeopardy.

But eventually someone has to do it. Someone has to have the courage to do the essential work. Someone has to pick up the groceries, go to the drug store, or get the mail. Even though he or she knows the danger they still go out. They cannot all be shut-ins for the rest of their lives.

Even though this scenario may sound familiar to you, I am not talking about your family, and I am not talking about my family, and I am not describing some sort of compilation all of the families in all of the houses up and down your street. I am talking about the disciples of Jesus, friends of his who, after living, eating, traveling, and sleeping together for three years, have become their own kind of family.

It is Easter morning, the first day of the week. But these are not the women of their family. These are not the ones who got up early to go out and find the empty tomb. These are the ones who ran away from the crucifixion cross and grave in order to shield themselves from the same fate. It is not the breath of the stranger that they fear. It is the stranger himself. No one knows who knows them and who does not. No one knows who was in the crowd calling for Jesus' crucifixion and who was somewhere else at the time. No one knows who will recognize them as a friend of Jesus and turn them in and who will pass by with a greeting and a smile. Better that they stay put!

For the disciples, this is a critical, deciding moment. Their lives are at risk. They need a moment to let the danger subside—let things get back to normal. But what the disciples do not understand is that they have always lived this way.

No one ever know who knows us and who does not. No one ever know who means us harm and who will pass by us with a greeting and a smile. Every day of our lives when we walk out the door, we put our lives at risk.

What makes this day different for the friends of Jesus is that it is not just life, or a life, that could be lost. It is a way of life, a way of being in the world that is ending. Jesus had introduced them to a life where God was alive and active, walking among the sick, the scared, the lost, and the powerless in the world, healing them, encouraging them, giving them forgiveness and hope. Now that Jesus is gone, life as they know it is gone. What difference does it make if they ever go back out into the world again or not? And what will they do if they do?

Faced with an overwhelming fear of the future, hiding out behind locked doors, the risen Jesus appears to them out of nowhere with a word of "Peace!", a breath of new life, and a charge to go back out and live the life he had taught them to live in spite of the circumstances, when he says, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

When their friend miraculously stands before them, John tells us, the disciples did not say, "Hey, how did you get in here?" They did not say, "Come, sit down. Have something

to eat. You must be hungry.” Nor did they say, “We don’t know where you have been, but can we go home now?” John does not tell us any of the words the disciples used, just that their outlook on life changed dramatically. Now they were full of joy. They “rejoiced!”

The problem is that one of them had been more courageous than the rest. One of them had abandoned the security of locked doors to step out and buy the groceries. Thomas had already figured out that things were never going to be the same. Thomas had the courage to act when the others did not, because he had the courage to believe, to trust that life goes on. Somebody’s got to do it!

This is only the fourth Sunday that we have been holed up in our homes, unable to come out of our busy lives to gather together for worship and praise. That is not even a month. But who is counting? Time has stopped.

At first it was about safety and care for those who were most vulnerable to the disease of our times. Then it was about getting by, keeping our essential services going and figuring out who is going to get the groceries and gas. Then it was about weathering the storm, getting the work of living our lives accomplished from the seclusion of our homes, or getting financial relief to those who cannot.

But now it is about something different, something deeper, something scarier. It is not just about when we can get back to life as we know it, it is about if we will ever will. No one knows what working will look like. No one knows what teaching and learning will look like. No one knows what shopping will look like. No one knows what going to church will look like. No one knows what LIFE will look like. It is a whole new world.

We should not underestimate the timidity that the disciples felt when they experienced their world collapsing around them. Nor should we treat lightly the courage it took for Thomas to be off facing his new future. The fear that the disciples were feeling is the same fear that has always threatened to overwhelm us every day. In ordinary times it was ordinary fears, like the fear of rejection, or the fear of failure, or the fear of embarrassment. Now it is bigger fears, like fear for the safety of our families living in these dangerous times. Or fear for ourselves, for illness or loss of those we love. Or the fear of being found out that we are really less than the person we present to the rest of the world.

In order to get the story straight about Thomas we need to listen carefully to his words. The world has named Thomas, “The Doubter,” but John tells us that his real nickname was, “The twin.” We were not there to see what Thomas and the rest of the disciples saw. Thomas is our eyes. He is our witness to the events of that time. Without Thomas and his stubborn demand to see the evidence of Jesus death, we, who cannot see, may never have received the gift of faith. We need Thomas.

Thomas does not ask to see the signs of the resurrection. He does not say, “unless I see the moisture of his breath and hear the beating of his heart, I will not believe.” Thomas has no problem with believing the resurrection. It is assumed. These guys had seen men who were born blind, marvel at the birds winging through the sky. They had seen the food from a young boy’s lunch pail feed thousands of people. They had seen Jesus standing with Elijah and Moses and heard God’s voice claim him to be His beloved Son. No, Thomas has no issue with the resurrection. What Thomas needs to see are the signs of the crucifixion. He

needs to see where they drove the nails through his hands and ran the spear through his side. He needs to see that his Lord and his God really did become a human being. Totally! Fully! And completely! He had to be sure that the one in whom he was going to put his trust had faced up to the same troubles, the same sufferings, and the same death that he would face.

Our “twin” knows that what we will need, thousands of years later, is not a God who can fool people with tricks, and miracles, and power-plays. We need a God who knows something about fear, and sadness, and loss. We need a God who knows what it means to be scared to death by life itself. The marks in his hand and in his side are our Lord’s credentials into the life that we face every day.

Despite what the hymn says, we were not there when they crucified our Lord, or laid him in the tomb, or raised him from the grave. We did not see it. And so we have to rely on the testimony of those who had the courage to demand to see it. It is only because of their courage and their confidence that we have the courage and confidence to claim the crucified and risen Jesus of Nazareth as our Lord and our God as well.

Like the disciples before us, today we are shut-in in order to find life. Tomorrow we will go out to find a brave new world. Today the brave new world finds us. “Peace be with You.”

HYMN OF THE DAY *Thine Is the Glory*—Text: Edmond Budry; Tune: George Frideric Handel

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vic’try thou o’er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vic’try thou o’er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu’ors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

[A brief silence.]

God of Resurrection, you are our source of life and hope.

+ We give thanks for your gifts of love and life; open our hearts and minds to hear your word and call; inspire us to be your hands and voice in your world; grant us courage and creativity to joyfully share your Good News.

We give thanks for your creation.

+ Enable us to be educated, equipped and inspired to be better stewards of your world. We give thanks for *Earth Ministry* and *Lutherans Restoring Creation*. (Check both of their websites for resources and upcoming events.)

We pray for our world, nation, and local communities.

+ We lift up those communities where insecurity, violence, and fear are the norm. Help us to bring healing, wholeness, and safety to these siblings.

+ We pray for those places, people, and animals in the wake of natural disasters - including our siblings in the southeastern states. Grant strength to those affected as they recover and rebuild. Help us to be generous partners with *Lutheran Disaster Response*.

We pray for all who are in need of healing and strength:

+ We lift up Dave, Kip, Evy, Emily, Mike, Anthony, Lynnette, Sheelagh, Claire, Carmine, Dan, JoAnne, Guests of the Community Meals Program, Sonja, Nicole, Josee and Jeannie.

+ We lift up those experiencing anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges.

+ God, you call us to care for our neighbors. Inspire our leaders and guide us to be better advocates for the sake of each member in our community - especially those who have little power and no voice.

We pray hold in prayer those affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

+ Bring peace and comfort to the families of those who have died.

+ Grant healing for those diagnosed.

+ Keep safe those whose health conditions make them especially vulnerable to this virus.

+ Protect medical workers, care providers, and first responders.

+ Sustain chaplains who bring prayer and care to those hospitalized and in nursing homes.

+ We give thanks for all non-medical essential workers who continue to serve our communities providing food, medicine, safety, childcare, and other vital services.

+ Guide those working to improve testing and those working toward a vaccine and for our government and health organization leaders as they discern a path forward.

+ Sustain for those who are facing financial uncertainty due to loss of income. Help us to share generously.

+ Bless our ministry leaders as they explore care-filled and creative ways to gather online for worship, prayer, and fellowship. We give thanks for the grace-filled support our leaders have shown one another.

+ For all who anxious and worried, ground us in facts and center us in your love and peace.

+ During these days of physical isolation, grant us patience, humor, compassion, and courage.

We pray for those who are grieving:

+ Loving God, wrap your arms of love and hope around all who are experiencing any kind of loss, disconnection, or brokenness.

+ We lift up the family and friends of Barbara, Evelyn, Susan and David.

For what and for whom else do the people of God pray?

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

We pray for your church:

+ We give thanks for the leaders and participants in our church ministries. Grant them rest following holy week. May they be refreshed for the ministry opportunities ahead.

+ We pray for the residents, staff, and families of nursing homes and care facilities, including those that are part of our synod: Josephine Caring Community, Foss Home, Columbia Lutheran Home, Norse Home, and Hearthstone Community.

Sustain us in our journey:

+ Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Amen

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

BLESSING

PM: The God of all grace,
who has called you to eternal glory in Christ,
restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C: Amen

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory — Albin C. Whitworth

Jiyoung Lee

Commemorations for the Week

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573, April 19

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109, April 21

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC), April 22

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

Mark, Evangelist, April 25

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Serving in Worship:

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jim Kruse
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Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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Additional worship resources:

Readings: Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*
(Text: attr. Jean Tisserand; Tune: O Filii et Filiae)

Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslcissaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.

Dave Carlson a kidney donor will be found quickly.

Kip Hauser successful hospital visit for an angiogram. (father of Cheryl Hauser)

Evy Sneva continued healing and medication monitoring, peace for her family. (Karen Hansen)

Emily Gacek acquired COVID19 from a caregiver, healing and strength. (Connie Fletcher)

Mike Winkler in ICU with COVID19, 48 yr. old Seattle Transit bus driver, strength and healing. (Jerry & Linda Nack)

Anthony Templeton breathing problems and a long standing cold, found to be unrelated to corona virus. (Grandson of Cheryl Landers)

Lynnette eye infection and symptoms of corona virus (daughter of Cheryl Neeb)

Sheelagh Sacks undergoing radiation for ongoing breast cancer treatment. (Laura Anderson)

Claire Howe healing/peace & strength as she recovers from a fall (Shelley Howe)

Carmine Kopecky new born, healing of a heart defect (Cheryl Leiter)

Dan Cox [brother of Ginger Grette] diagnosed with throat cancer. (Marilyn Carlson)

JoAnne Naganawa cancer has returned, effective treatment, comfort and healing. (Marilyn Carlson)

Guests of the Community Meals Program safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

Sonja 3 years old undergoing treatment for cancer. (granddaughter of Henrik & Patty Christopherson)

Nicole DeCamp healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

Josee Jordan peace of mind as she faces health challenges. (Dianne Tanner)

Jeannie Lindquist continued healing and strength.

Healing and peace of mind: Marian James;

Douglas Mandt (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Gregory** (nephew of Joanne Suttmeier); **Doug Patur**; **Katie Moeller**; **Margot Inman**; **Ken Acker** (son of Lucy Acker); **Marilyn Carlson**; **Taufik Hidayut** (Ken Konigsmark); **Don Wilkinson** (husband of Gwynn Wilkinson); **Rebecca Thomas** (Pr. Telyea); **Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland**; **Randi Strom**; **Jeanne Kuipers**; **Talton Johnson**; **John Pass**; **Florence Kinnune**; **Carol Harbolt**; **Sandy Aldworth**; **Jen Winslow** (Wendy Winslow); **Larry Pruitt**.

Undergoing cancer treatment: **Amy Aldworth** (daughter-in-law of Sandy Aldworth) **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Harold Mandt** (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Floyd Rogers** (Connie Fletcher); **Lori Anglin** (Janet Heck); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Joe Martin** (father of Stacy Smith); **Jerry Duffee** (brother-in-law of Connie Fletcher); **Christy Williams** (Bill Bergsma); **Diane Powis** (Paul Tolo); **Dana Mancini** (Jan Setterlund); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Tim Teodoro** (Janet Heck); **Barry Donker** (Joan Parish); **Germaine Korum** (Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Kathryn Aitcheson** (Gerrie Hendrickson); **Yuko Takiguchi** (Teiko Soland); **Barb** (Janette Singley)

Living with cancer: **Liz Kidd** (Bob Beck); **Duane Jacobson**; **Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Mark Becker** (uncle of Paula Seeger); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Mira Bergsma**

Expectant Mothers: **Jessica Murguia** (Cheryl Hauser); **Emily Wilson** (daughter of Ann & Larry Thomas); **Yili Leiter** (Cheryl Leiter); **Elsa Walker** (daughter of Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslow)

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Barbara Nielson** (Karen Hansen); **Evelyn Timpe** (step-mother to Patty Gerde); **Susan Moffett** (Doug & Dianne Tanner); **David Woods** (Lyle & Alice Lewis)

Members and friends serving in the military; fire & police departments, & emergency rooms.

Global Missions and Missionaries: For peace in Hong Kong. (Global Missions). **Henrik & Patty Christopherson**. Congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Tanzania.

Thanksgiving: For a great outcome after eye surgery for **Luke Seelye** (nephew of Cheryl Hauser).