

**Morning Prayer**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2020 ~ The Second Sunday of Easter**  
(Adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)  
*The people's responses are printed in bold.*

## **Prelude**

## **The Opening Sentences**

*Officiant*    *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*  
*People*        **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## **The Preparation**

*Officiant*    Today, if you would hear God's voice: harden not your hearts.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

*People*        **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

*Officiant*    O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
*People*        **let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant*    We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;  
*People*        **and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

*Officiant*    We proclaim your glory to the nations,  
*People*        **your praise to the ends of the earth.**

**Psalm 16** *(Translated by the Episcopal Order of Saint Helena)*

*Recited responsively, by whole verse*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Holy One, “You are my God, my good above all other.”

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O God, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless you, O God, who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**I have set you always before me;  
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever, *Amen.***

**The Lesson** *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

*Read by Kathleen Norton*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “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— this 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For 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;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“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. Since 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

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

Here ends the lesson.

**Canticle 19** *Magna et mirabilia*  
*Recited responsively, by whole verse*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,  
surpassing human understanding.

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,  
O King of all the ages.**

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name?  
for you only are the Holy One.

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you,  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

*Officiant and People*

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

**The Gospel** *John 20:19-31*

*Read by Brooke Roberts*

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.

Here ends the lesson.

## **The Homily**

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,**

**for ever and ever, *Amen.***

## The Prayers of the People

*Officiant*

Let us pray for our own needs and for the needs of others.

The response to the prayers is: ***Hear our prayer.***

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.***

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, ***Amen.***

O God, renew our spirits - your spirit within us - and make us worthy carriers of your message of love and hope and life in all we say and do this day and forever more. Take hold of and mold our frail wills, our fainting hopes, our flailing actions, and help us to know there is no evil that You cannot transform to good. Amen.

*Officiant:* The blessing of God Almighty, +the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us now and always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Officiant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People:** **And also with you!**

**Postlude**

**Welcome to Coffee Hour!**