

# The Second Sunday of Easter

Low Sunday / Thomas Sunday

Year B, RCL

11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

The Reverend Robert F. Solon, Jr., Priest-in-Charge

Mr. David Štech, Organist

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## SUNG MASS

RITE II

at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning

Prelude

*Music for a Festival*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

### VIDI AQUAM

*The chant for Vidi aquam is intoned by the priest and immediately the Antiphon is sung by all. The People also join in singing the Antiphon as indicated in the text.*

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Priest: *Vidi aquam. Antiphon*

Verse 1: (Choir) And all, and all to whom this water came, all to whom this water came have salvation! **Antiphon**

Verse 2: (Choir) Give thanks to God, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever. **Antiphon**

Verse 3: (Choir) Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and forever, Amen! **Antiphon**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, alleluia.

R. And grant us thy salvation, alleluia.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Graciously hear us O Lord, holy Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## AT THE MASS

### Introit

Tone VII

(1 Pet. 2:2) As new-born babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 81:2) Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be... and to the Holy Ghost. As it was... and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. As new-born babes (*etc.*)

### Salutation

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### Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal S 280)

*Powell Mass*, Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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### Collect of the Day

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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.**

### First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or

houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.

### Gradual Psalm 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

The Refrain for the Psalm is intoned by the Choir and immediately repeated by the Congregation. The People also join in singing the Refrain as indicated in the text.

#### Refrain

Mode 6

How good and pleasant it is to live in unity!  
from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,  
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

#### Refrain

- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

#### Refrain

### Epistle

1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. 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. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; 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. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Alleluia

Cantor

People

Tone VI

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(John 20:26) After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

**The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven: and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.**



**The Holy Gospel**

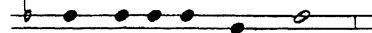
John 20:19-31

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

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

*Response:*



*Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 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 believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

Father Solon

**Nicene Creed**

(At the words "by the power of the Holy Spirit", please **bow or kneel** until after "and was made man.", when you again **stand**.)

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**Prayers of the People - Form I**

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**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

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**Offertory verse**

Tone II

(Matt. 28:2, 5-6) The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women: He whom ye seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

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**Offertory Hymn 203**

O filii et filiae

Alleluia, alleluia!  
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1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. That Easter morn, at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

3. An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat, and spake unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."  
Alleluia, alleluia!

4. That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia, alleluia!

5. On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise,

in laud and jubilee and praise.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **Orate Fratres**

*Celebrant:* Pray brothers and sisters that this my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*Response:* **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

**Secreta** said by *Celebrant in a low voice*

Accept, O Lord, we beseech thee, the offerings of thy Church exultant: and grant unto her, on whom thou hast bestowed cause for so great joy, the fruit of perpetual gladness. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God Aloud Throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

**Sursum corda** (Hymnal S 120) BCP Page 361

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (Hymnal S 129, Powell) BCP Page 362

**Eucharistic Prayer - A** BCP Page 362

**Lord's Prayer** (Hymnal S 119) BCP Page 364

**Agnus Dei** (Hymnal S 163, Powell) BCP Page 407

#### **Ecce Agnus Dei**

*Celebrant:* ☧ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that takes away the sins of the world.

*Response:* **Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*The celebrant will say this prayer in the low voice:*

I intend to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the use, order, and discipline of the Holy Catholic Church; to the honor of Almighty God and of all the Church triumphant; to the benefit of myself and all of the Church militant and expectant; and for all those who have commended themselves to our prayers both in general and in particular; and for the good of the whole state of Christ's Church, Holy and Catholic. Amen

*The baptized faithful are encouraged to pray this at the same time:*

**Prayer for a Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

**Communion verse**

Tone I  
(John 20:27) Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

**Hymn 209 after the Communion**

St. Botolph

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear from him  
who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
but in his promise we rejoice;  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

4. that, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**Blessing and Dismissal**

*see next page*

*Priest or Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,

*People*

al - le - lu - ia.

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn 180

## Unser Herrscher

1. He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

## Announcements and Regina Coeli

Carl Jaspers (1835-1882)

*Regina Coeli laetare, alleluia!  
Quia quem isti portare, alleluia!  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia!*

(trans) Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, Alleluia.  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.  
As he promised hath aris'n, alleluia.  
Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alle lu - ia.  
V. Gaude et laetare Virgo Maria, alle lu - ia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, alle lu - ia.  
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alle lu - ia.

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Postlude

*Trumpet Processional*, Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

We welcome those who join us today online and look forward to being back in our church building and welcoming you in person. Please note that Father Solon will be away on vacation on 12-24 April. Please call one of the wardens in case of pastoral emergency.

The Thrift Shop is currently closed. We will notify everyone when a safe re-opening date has been established based on Covid statistics.

However, please join us each Sunday for Mass at 10:30 am EDT livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S

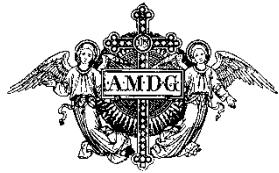
**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**      **Thrift Shop is closed**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**      **The Third Sunday of Easter**  
Matins at 10:30 am  
via livestream on Facebook and YouTube

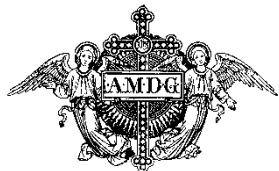
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## Birthdays

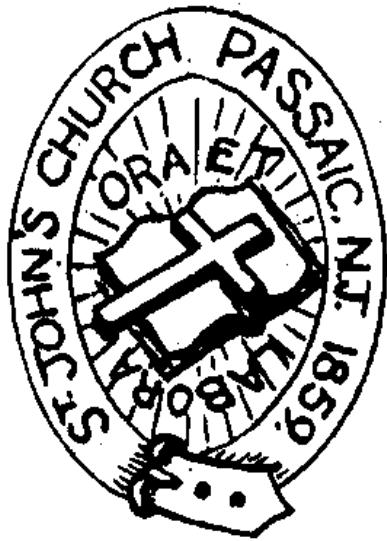
Mary Helen Franz, Stephania Gaskin,  
Brandon Michael Gomez, Maya Cecilia McPherson,  
Ella Nicole Rico



**the eight sanctuary lamps will burn this week  
in memory of  
Subuola Thompson  
by  
Thelma & Christopher Thompson**



**the lamp at the Sacred Heart Shrine  
will burn this week  
in thanksgiving  
by  
The Muñoz Family**



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