



Liturgy for the Second Sunday of Easter  
April 10 and 11, 2021  
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary ~  
8:00 a.m. Ledogar Gym ~ 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary live streaming  
Christ Lutheran Church ~ Orland Park, Illinois

*We are all one in Christ Jesus. We welcome you in His name.*  
(Δ = stand)

**PRELUDE** "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Handel

**CARILLON BELLS and WELCOME**

Δ **OPENING HYMN** "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (#941, Lutheran Service Book)  
Soloist: Sandra Knopp

**WE PRAISE YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU,  
O GOD, TO BE THE LORD,  
THE FATHER EVERLASTING,  
BY ALL THE EARTH ADORED.  
TO YOU ALL ANGEL POWERS  
CRY ALOUD, THE HEAVENS SING,  
THE CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM  
THEIR PRAISES TO YOU BRING:  
"O HOLY, HOLY, HOLY  
LORD GOD OF SABAOth;  
YOUR MAJESTY AND GLORY FILL  
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH!"**

Soloist: You, Christ, are King of glory,  
the everlasting Son,  
Yet you, with boundless love, sought  
to rescue ev'ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory,  
were born of virgin's womb,  
Were crucified for us and  
were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection  
You won for us reprieve  
You opened heaven's kingdom  
to all who would believe.

**YOU SIT IN SPLENDID GLORY,  
ENTHRONED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND,  
UPHOLDING EARTH AND HEAVEN  
BY FORCES YOU COMMAND.  
WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL COME AS  
OUR JUDGE THAT FINAL DAY,  
SO HELP YOUR SERVANTS YOU HAVE  
REDEEMED BY BLOOD, WE PRAY;  
MAY WE WITH SAINTS BE NUMBERED  
WHERE PRAISES NEVER END,  
IN GLORY EVERLASTING.  
AMEN, O LORD, AMEN!**

Δ **INVOCATION C: AMEN.**

Δ **CONFESSION**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

P: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: BUT WITH YOU THERE IS FORGIVENESS; THEREFORE YOU ARE  
FEARED.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: ALMIGHTY GOD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND LEAD US TO EVERLASTING LIFE. AMEN.**

**Δ ABSOLUTION C: AMEN.**

9:30 **ANTHEM of PRAISE** "Great Is the Lord," arr. L. Larson Flute: Diane Martino

**Δ PRAYER of the DAY**

**ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, WE HAVE CELEBRATED WITH JOY THE FESTIVAL OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION. GRACIOUSLY HELP US TO SHOW THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION IN ALL THAT WE SAY AND DO; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

**FIRST LESSON** Acts 4: 32-35

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

L: The Word of the Lord;

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 John 1: 1-4

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

L: The Word of the Lord;

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Δ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Alleluia and Verse"

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.  
THESE THINGS ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE  
THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.  
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

**Δ HOLY GOSPEL** John 20: 19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus ), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples 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 nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you!"<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord;

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

**HYMN of the DAY** "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real" Soloist: Sandra Knopp

Soloist: These things did Thomas count as real:  
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

**THE VISION OF HIS SKEPTIC MIND  
WAS KEEN ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM BLIND  
TO ANY UNEXPECTED ACT  
TOO LARGE FOR HIS SMALL WORLD OF FACT.**

Soloist: His reasoned certainties denied  
That one could live when one had died,  
Until his fingers read like braille  
The markings of the spear and nail.

**MAY WE, O GOD, BY GRACE BELIEVE  
AND THUS THE RISEN CHRIST RECEIVE,  
WHOSE RAW IMPRINTED PALMS REACHED OUT  
AND BECKONED THOMAS FROM HIS DOUBT.**

**SERMON** "Transition," John 20: 19-31

Δ **APOSTLES' CREED** (read in unison)

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

**AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS 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 INTO HELL.  
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN  
AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.  
FROM THENCE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE † EVERLASTING. AMEN.**

**OFFERING** "To Live Is Christ," K. Wray Joy & Praise Soloist: Sandra Knopp  
(individually recorded and mixed)

Δ **PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL**

Δ Sat./8:00 **LORD'S PRAYER**

† HOLY COMMUNION †

9:30

Δ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Δ LORD'S PRAYER

Δ WORDS of OUR LORD

Δ *AGNUS DEI* "Lamb of God"

O JESUS CHRIST, TRUE LAMB OF GOD,  
YOU TAKE THE SIN OF THE WORLD AWAY;  
O JESUS CHRIST, TRUE LAMB OF GOD,  
HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD, WE PRAY.

O JESUS CHRIST, TRUE LAMB OF GOD,  
YOU TAKE THE SIN OF THE WORLD AWAY;  
HAVE MERCY ON US, JESUS CHRIST,  
AND GRANT US PEACE, O LORD, WE PRAY.

DISTRIBUTION

"How Beautiful," arr. L. Larson Flute: Diane Martino

Δ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Δ BENEDICTION

Δ CLOSING HYMN "He's Risen, He's Risen" (#480)

HE'S RISEN, HE'S RISEN, CHRIST JESUS, THE LORD;  
HE OPENED DEATH'S PRISON, THE INCARNATE, TRUE WORD.  
BREAK FORTH, HOSTS OF HEAVEN, IN JUBILANT SONG  
AND EARTH, SEA, AND MOUNTAIN THEIR PRAISES PROLONG.

THEN SING YOUR HOSANNAS AND RAISE YOUR GLAD VOICE;  
PROCLAIM THE BLEST TIDINGS THAT ALL MAY REJOICE.  
LAUD, HONOR, AND PRAISE TO THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN:  
WITH FATHER AND SPIRIT HE EVER SHALL REIGN. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God," arr. D. Lasky

† *The worship is over. The service begins.* †



"My Lord and My God."

Preacher	Pastor Chuck Johnson
Liturgist	Pastor Ray Rohlfs
Director of Music	Sandra Knopp
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Lectors	Diane Lillie (8:00), Natalie Dudek (9:30)

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- 1) Use the Giveplus smart phone app, there will be a small service charge
- 2) Use the website <https://www.christlutheranorland.com>, you will find the donation link at the bottom of the page (enabled by GivePlus)
- 3) Set up direct withdraw from your checking account through ACH (automatic Clearing House) the form will be sent by e-mail to all members on Constant Contact (Church e-mail list)
- 4) Mail your envelopes in by US Mail

**5:00 p.m. Saturday Sanctuary Service** - Communion will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the month. ***No pre-registration required at this time.***

**8:00 a.m. Gymnasium Worship** - Communion will be celebrated in the 8:00 service on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. ***No pre-registration required at this time.***

**9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service** will continue to be live streamed and involve in-person worshipers with a limit of 80 total (sanctuary, narthex, and Fireside Room capacity). Communion will be celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. ***No pre-registration required at this time.***

**Holy Communion is offered:**

**8:00 a.m. every first, third and fifth weekend of the month**  
**9:30 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday of the month**  
**Drive-up Communion every first, third and fifth Sunday of the month**  
**from 10:50-11:30 a.m.**

Worship capacity and hygiene (face coverings are required) will continue to follow state recommendations. Both the gym, if it is used, and the sanctuary will be "air scrubbed" after services.

Please, if you have traveled to a virus hot-zone, please read and follow the Cook County requirements for self-isolation. During that time, if you need help to connect with worship remotely or by DVD, please contact Pastor Ray for assistance.

Videos of the services can now be found on our website, Face Book page and YouTube. Should a family member or you want a DVD of the service, please contact the Church Office at 708-349-0431.

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