



# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Revelation (1:4–8)

*The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1119*

Commentary:

*Revelation, the record of John's apocalyptic visions, was primarily written to encourage suffering believers and was initially sent to seven churches in the Roman province of Asia. The overarching theme of Revelation is the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ over all enemies and the establishment of His earthly kingdom. In this passage, John greeted the churches in the name of the eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit. John ascribed everlasting glory and dominion to Jesus Christ, who is the subject and the object of these visions. The God of Revelation is the Alpha and the Omega, He is the Lord of time, past, present and future, He is faithful to His promises and powerful enough to bring every promise to fruition.*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John (20:19–31)

*The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 991*

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.*

*Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Sam Mann.*

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