



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021 9 am**  
**Ministers of the Liturgy**

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Brandon Kee, Steve Ketcham, Margaret Myatt, Mary Torian

**Musicians:**

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*  
[2 Corinthians 5:17]

**Opening Hymn**

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Hymnal #199

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain / of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought forth Israel / into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke / Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot / through the Red Sea waters.*

*'Tis the spring of souls today: / Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death / as a sun hath risen.  
all the winter of our sins, / long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give / laud and praise undying*

**Mother Judith Opening Prayer**

God of extravagant love, God of all that is and all that shall ever be, you call us to celebrate your life and death and new life among us. Like the disciples who sold their possessions and laid them at the feet of the apostles so that no one would be in need, we bring our whole lives to the foot of the cross, trusting the promise of eternal life in your resurrection. As we look for your new promise, make your presence known to us in our song and in our silence, and in the moving of your Holy Spirit among us. **Amen.**

**Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia

### **Mary Johnson    Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### **Brandon Kee & Margaret Myatt Psalm 133**

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* **when brethren live together in unity!**  
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.**  
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.**

### **Mary Torian    A Reading from the Book of Acts    [4:32-35]**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 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 owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **Brandon Kee    A Song of Our Adoption [Ephesians 1:3-10]**

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.  
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, \*  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.  
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, \*  
according to the good pleasure of your will,  
To the praise of your glorious grace, \*  
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.  
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,  
According to the riches of your grace \*  
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, \* the mystery of your will,  
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, \*  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
To gather together all things in Christ, \* things in heaven and things on earth

*Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*



**Steve Ketcham A Reading from the Gospel of John [20:19-31]**

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.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker



## Homily

### **Margaret Myatt** A Song of Faith      **1 Peter [1:3-4,18-21]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## Musical Meditation

*Jeff Lukas*

### **Mother Judith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

### **Mother Judith & Brandon Kee** The Prayers

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your salvation.  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **Mother Judith    The Lord's Prayer**

## **Mother Judith    Collect of the Day**

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.**

## **Margaret Myatt & Steve Ketcham    The Prayers of the People**

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind, Let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior.

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection, especially through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Douglas, and all bishops, priests and deacons. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community and in trust that God will guide us in calling a new Rector. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may show us how to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for our freedom and in hope that by his power, war and famine may cease through all the world, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially to those we name silently or aloud *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator *in Christ our Risen Savior*

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may enfold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator *in Christ our Risen Savior*

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator *in Christ our Risen Savior*

O God, worker of wonders, you made this season for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us always, set our hearts on fire, and open our eyes, so that we may see him at this table, the Christ now entered into glory, firstborn from the dead. **Amen**

### **Mary Torian     A Prayer for Wisdom**

Holy and Loving God, by water and the Holy spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

### **Steve Ketcham     A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

### **Mary Torian     A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus**

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of almost 550,000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear and impatience. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Mother Judith   A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **Mother Judith   Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to fulfill his purpose, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Mother Judith   Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Awake thou wintry earth*

J S Bach