SOTC Virtual Worship April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Welcome

Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us as we begin worship.

OPENING LITANY

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With all creation, we come this morning... to give our praise to our Lord and our God.

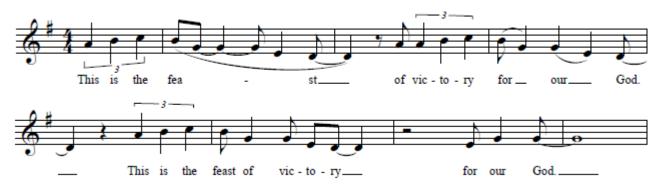
With all creation, we come this morning... to offer our thanks for Christ's self-giving love.

With all creation, we come this morning... to seek the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

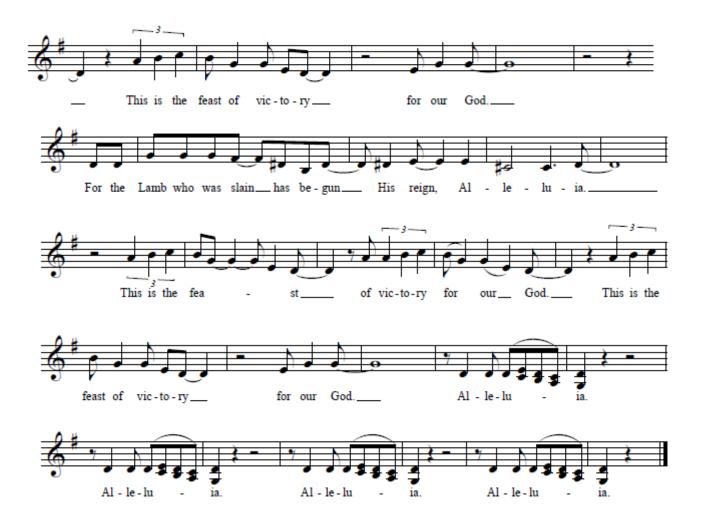
With all creation, we come this morning... to receive the Spirit's breath of life, bestowed upon us and upon the world.

With all creation, we come this morning... to lift our voices with all the saints, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. With all creation, we come this morning, and shout: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG – This is the Feast







GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of peace, who brought again from the grave our Lord Jesus Christ, send your Living Word to meet us where we are. With every breath we take, fill us with your all-consuming Spirit, that we might live in the truth of your resurrection, and find our peace in you. Dwell in us, and by your Spirit, center our lives around you as our Way, our Truth, and our Life. We pray this in the name of the one who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

Word _____

PSALM: PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you." ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20: 19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy," is "hear our prayer. "If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at <u>pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com</u> We conclude in the words of the Lord's Prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING -----

BLESSING

Peace be with you, Jesus tells us. As the Father has sent me, so now I send you.

So go forth, dear church, into a weary world offering Christ's breath of life.

Go forth, dear church, from behind locked doors filling the world with Christ's promise of peace.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, go forth, trusting that the one who brought Jesus from the dead will raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all **And also with you**

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation!