



SOTC Virtual Worship  
April 19, 2020  
Second Sunday of Easter

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## GATHERING

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### 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*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

— This is the feast of vic-tory — for our God. —

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

Wor - thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bles - sing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.

Bles - sing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er, A - men.

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

— This is the feast of vic-to-ry — for our God. —

For the Lamb who was slain — has be-gun — His reign, Al - le - lu - ia. —

This is the fea - st — of vic-to-ry for our — God. — This is the

feast of vic-to-ry — for our God. — Al - le-lu - ia.

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

#### 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

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

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

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

**<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

**<sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

<sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**<sup>11</sup>You 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

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

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them 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 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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

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

## 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 [pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com) We conclude in the words of the Lord's Prayer.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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### SENDING

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## 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!*