

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 19, 2020

PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19

HYMN – CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is risen, sing, O Christian, wipe the tears of grief away,
all who would now seek salvation, come, rejoice with us this day.
: He has risen, Lord in glory, as He hath foretold His victory,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing Alleluia! :

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, humbly we would ask of Thee,
that we might know Thy salvation, and o'er death, know victory,
:That we might come with Thy chosen, and behold Thee, Lord of Heaven,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing Alleluia,! :

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.
R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of ☩ God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You redeemed us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grant that we may benefit from the graces merited by our Savior.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves
to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone,
and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
All who believed were together and had all things in common;
they would sell their property and possessions
and divide them among all according to each one's need.
Every day they devoted themselves
to meeting together in the temple area
and to breaking bread in their homes.
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,
praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.
And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever."
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His live is everlasting. Alleluia.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the Lord helped me.
My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His live is everlasting. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His live is everlasting. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you
who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.
In this you rejoice, although now for a little while
you may have to suffer through various trials,
so that the genuineness of your faith,
more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire,
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
Although you have not seen him you love him;
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

ALLELUIA VERSE: John 20:29

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen Me, says the Lord;
blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
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."
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
So the other disciples said to 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 into the nail marks
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
Now a week later his disciples were again inside
and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples
that are not written in this book.
But these are written that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

REFLECTION

On this Second Sunday of Easter we hear the Gospel passage that speaks to St. Thomas not believing the other Apostles that Jesus has risen from the dead. He said unless I see for myself and put my finger in the nail marks and my hand in His side I will not believe.

There is much unbelief in our world and during this time of pandemic there are many who are filled with doubt! But that is not us! For we continue to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We, as our Lord's disciples were after His Resurrection, need to be witnesses of these things that have taken place. We need to, by the way that we choose to live, show that we believe. That we are our Lord's disciples today living and sharing His presence, His Love, His Mercy with all but especially those who are hurting, doubting, suffering and in need.

We have the example from the first reading from the book of Acts how to spend our time devoting ourselves to the teachings of the Apostles, the breaking of bread and prayer. Devoting ourselves to the needs of others in prayer and faith – what an example to witness to the Resurrection in our daily lives of discipleship.

My friends in Christ let us not doubt but live in Hope! Remember the words of St. Peter from his first letter today: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Even as we suffer the trails in this world let us bring Hope to our communities and our world through our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

(A few moments for silent reflection)

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, to You belong the keys of life and death by the will of the Father. Preserve us through these Holy Mysteries that our redemption may be assured and our doubts relieved.

For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and

courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

REGINA CAELI - ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia

R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: THAT EASTER DAY

That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to Thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Amen.

ADDITIONAL HYMN: THE WONDROUS NEWS – Dan Schutte

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=23&v=dz6kDZpwkZA&feature=emb_logo

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