



CHRIST THE KING

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Second Sunday of *Easter*

*Morning Prayer, Rite II*  
April 27, 2025 · 10:30 am

**All are welcome to worship God in this place.**

*In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.*

**Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud**

**PRELUDE** Variations on 'O filii'

Jeanne Demessieux

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! Hymnal - 206 *O filii et filiae*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,  
6 How blest are they who have not seen,

1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,

1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

### OPENING SENTENCE

*Book of Common Prayer 77*

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Officiant* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalms 118:24*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer 79

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*           **Most merciful God,**  
                  **we confess that we have sinned against you**  
                  **in thought, word, and deed,**  
                  **by what we have done,**  
                  **and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
                  **we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
                  **have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
                  **that we may delight in your will,**  
                  **and walk in your ways,**  
                  **to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Book of Common Prayer 80

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People*       **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All*           **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,**  
                  **and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**VENITE**      *Psalm 95:1-7*                      Hymnal - S 35                      Jack Noble White

**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!**

# THE PSALM 118:14-29

Confitemini Domino

We will sing the psalm together.



14. The LORD is my • strength and my • song, \*  
and he has be•come • my sal•vation.
15. There is a sound of exul•tation and • victory \*  
– • in the • tents of the • righteous:
16. “The right hand of the • LORD has • triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right • hand of the • LORD has • triumphed!”
17. I shall not • die, but • live, \*  
and de•clare the • works of the • LORD.
18. The LORD has • punished me • sorely, \*  
but he did not • hand me • over to • death.
19. Open for me the • gates of • righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will • offer • thanks to the • LORD.
20. “This is the • gate of the • LORD; \*  
– • he who is • righteous may • enter.
21. I will give thanks to you, • for you • answered me \*  
and have be•come • my sal•vation.
22. The same stone which the • builders re•jected \*  
has be•come the • chief • cornerstone.
23. This is the • LORD's • doing, \*  
and it is • marvelous • in our • eyes.
24. On this day the • LORD has • acted; \*  
we will re•joice • and be • glad in it.
25. Hosanna, • Lord, ho•sanna! \*  
LORD, •send us • now suc•cess.
26. Blessed is he who comes in the • name of the • LORD; \*  
we • bless you from the • house of the • LORD.
27. God is the LORD; he has • shined up•on us; \*  
form a processional with branches • up to the • horns of the • altar.
28. “You are my God, and • I will • thank you; \*  
you are my • God, and • I will ex•alt you.”
29. Give thanks to the LORD, for • he is • good; \*  
his • mercy en•dures for • ever.

All

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

*Lector* A reading from Acts.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Hymnal - 205

*Gelobt sei Gottfried*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

*Lector* A reading from Revelation.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

1 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear-ful heart-ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-  
 4 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! He hath o-pened  
 joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris-on;  
 ra-diant brow! Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed;  
 um-phant day; not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming  
 hea-ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris-on,  
 let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con-quired,  
 Je-sus' woes are o-ver now, and the pas-sion  
 yon-der glo-rious morn-ing ray, break-ing o'er the  
 ris-en to a ho-li-er state; and a bright-er  
 we are free, Christ has won the vic-to-ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur-ple east, sym-bol of our Eas-ter feast.  
 Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

## THE THIRD LESSON

John 20:19-31

*Lector* A reading from John.

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.

*Lector*  
 All<sup>5</sup>

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham D. Allende

*Read by Eva Sullivan*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*Book of Common Prayer 496*

All **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.**

## THE PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer 97*

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### THE SUFFRAGES B

*Book of Common Prayer 97*

Officiant **Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;**

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant **Day by day we bless you;**

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant **Lord, keep us from all sin today;**

People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant **Lord, show us your love and mercy;**

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant **In you, Lord, is our hope;**

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## THE COLLECTS

### *The Collect of the Day*

*Officiant* 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.**

### *A Collect for Sundays*

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Guidance*

*Officiant* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that every one might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.*

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Officiant* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

R.S. Thatcher

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* 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.**

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

All

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

## CLOSING HYMN At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymnal - 174

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

## DISMISSAL

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*If you feel inclined to, please exit quietly as the Postlude is playing to ensure others can fully enjoy the music.*

*We invite you to join your fellow parishioners during Coffee Hour.*

## POSTLUDE Final (Symphonie II)

Charles-Marie Widor



## MUSIC NOTES

Our prelude this morning is one of twelve chorale preludes composed by the French organist and teacher, Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968). As an organist, she had 2500 compositions ready to play from memory and was the first woman organist to sign a recording contract. She was the organist at Saint Esprit for 29 years and then at La Madeleine in Paris at the end of her life.

Today's postlude is the final movement of the second symphony for organ by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) Widor was the organist at St. Sulpice in Paris for most of his career, which was the largest organ in France. Widor was a pioneer in developing the idea of a symphony for the organ and the development of the organ in nineteenth century France made an ideal instrument for this music.



**WE PRAY FOR** those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane, Kristen Hamilton, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Brown / Daff Family as well as the entire Springfield / New Middletown community, Pat Rogers, Karen Kelly, Austin Muldowney, Susan Paczak, Bob, Jason, Sandra G, Joe Edwards, Eleanor Congdon, Bill Bonte.



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