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# St. Raphael's

## Episcopal Church

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**The Second Sunday of Easter – Morning Prayer – April 24, 2022, 10:00 am**

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*The Prelude is a time for quiet centering in preparation for worship.  
The service begins with the ringing of the bell.*

### Processional Hymn

*“Morning has broken”  
Verses 1, 2, and 3*

*Hymnal 8*

*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 for ever. Amen.**

### Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,

*People* **Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him for his mighty acts;  
praise him for his excellent greatness.  
Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;  
praise him with lyre and harp.  
Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe.  
Praise him with resounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!  
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.

**First Reading***Acts 5:27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, 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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Response Hymn**

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth*  
*Verse 1*

*Hymnal #178*

## The Second Reading

*Revelation 1:4-8*

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Response Hymn

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth*  
*Verse 2*

*Hymnal #178*

## The Third Reading

*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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection Hymn**

*We walk by faith and not by sight  
Verses 1, 2 and 3*

*Hymnal #209*

**The Apostle's Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, page 96*

**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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*People and Officiant*

**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.**

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant says the following Collects*

*The 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.**

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Officiant continues*

We pray today for those who have asked for our prayers:

John, Mariann, Julie, Calvin, Christy, Bob, Paul, Jim, Elizabeth and Byron, Penny, Andrew, Mary Ann, William, Karen, Edward, Andrew John, Courtney, Leisa, and Eric.

Are there others?

*The people add their prayers . . . Silence*

*The Officiant continues*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone 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 to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, page 101*

*Officiant* Let us pray together in unison.

**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.**

*The Officiant continues leading in prayer.*

*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.

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Closing Hymn

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!*  
*Verses 1, 2, and 3*

*Hymnal 182*