

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
“How to Live in a . . . #Selfie World”
April 11, 2021
9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” Carla Barrows, Organ
by John Leavitt

WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

OPENING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LSB 465, vs. 1, 2, 4

ALL: Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SOLO: *Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

ALL: Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessèd sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:32-35

R The New Testament Reading is from the 4th Chapter of Acts.

R The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Philipians 4:4-13

R The Epistle Reading is from the 4th Chapter of Philipians.

R Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE LSB 266

SOLO: *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

ALL: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

SOLO: *Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.*

ALL: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

SOLO: *Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

ALL: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

☒ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Matt Meier, Director of Discipleship

MESSAGE. "How to Live CONTENT in a #Selfie World" Pastor Michael P. Dorn

HYMN "What Is the World to Me" LSB 730, vs. 1, 3, 4

ALL: What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!

SOLO: *The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!*

ALL: What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

OFFERING

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org, by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)

MUSICAL OFFERING “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” Soloist, Anna Diemer
by G. F. Handel

*I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, upon the earth.
I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, upon the earth:
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.
I know that my Redeemer liveth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God, shall I see God.
I know that my Redeemer liveth.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep,
Of them that sleep, the first fruits of them that sleep
For now is Christ risen, for now is Christ risen from the dead,
The first fruits of them that sleep.*

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

☐ **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by John Rutter . . . Soloist, Anna Diemer

*The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you
and give you peace, and give you peace,
and give you peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN “Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing” LSB 475, vs. 1, 2, 4

ALL: Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SOLO: *The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

ALL: Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" Carla Barrows, Organ
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