



Holy Eucharist
The Second – Seventh Sundays in Easter
Sunday, May 2, 2021 | 9:30_{AM}

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*You may wish to have candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area.
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

Prelude

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Carlton Mabee

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Liturgy of the Word

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn

O Worship the King (v. 1-5)

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1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Opening Sentences

Presider Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *Clap Your Hands*
Atrium Singers and Congregation

J. Owen

*¹Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!
Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout unto God with a voice of praise!*

*Hosanna! Hosanna!
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!
Praise Him! Praise, Him!
Shout unto God with a voice of praise!*

*²Clap your hands, all you people!
Christ has arisen into heaven!
Clap your hands, all you people!
Christ has arisen with shouts of joy!*

*Hosanna! Hosanna!
Christ has arisen into heaven
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Christ has arisen with shouts of joy!
Repeat verse 1*

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The People respond **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

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- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Gospel Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

Blue Hymnal 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Emily García

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

from *Enriching Our Worship*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

A Prayer Book for New Zealand

Leader Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for all the people of God.

Leader God, enliven the Church for its mission
People **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader Breathe fresh life into your people.
People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader We pray for the world: for those whose countries are torn by strife; for those who experience discrimination and hate. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader We pray for the community: for this congregation and for the mission partners that we serve. Please add your own thanksgivings aloud or silently.

Leader God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader We pray for those who are sick or in need, especially Joel, Charles, Jim, Susan, Susie, Charley, Sam, Royce, Patricia, Enid, Bill, Jayne, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Joan, John, Jack, June, Darryll, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, and John. Please add your own prayers aloud or silently. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

People **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader Make us willing agents of your compassion.
People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader We remember those who have died and those who mourn them, especially Lucille, Mary Adele, Joan, Fred, Grayson, Mary, Sarah, Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, and John. Please add your own prayers aloud or silently. We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
People **God, into your hands we commend them.**

Leader Give comfort to those who mourn.
People **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

Leader Let us pray together the Collect for the Parish.
People **Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

Rite-13: A Celebration of Adulthood

Malcolm Fox, Jamie Murnaghan, Luke Murnaghan, Jack Williams

The Presentation of the Celebrities

Sue and Gerald: We present Malcolm, Jamie, Luke, and Jack, who this day move from childhood to adulthood.

Presider

Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts.
Today we celebrate the gift of adulthood with these young people.

Malcolm, Jamie, Luke, and Jack, by the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy.

Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Malcolm, Jamie, Luke, and Jack: **I am.**

Psalm 139 (Domine, Probasti)

Psalm 139:1, 8-9, 12-15, 22-23

The Congregation reads the Antiphon.

Malcolm:

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

People: **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Jamie:

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

People: **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Luke:

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there were none of them.

People: **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Jack:

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

People: **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

The Prayer for the Parents

Presider

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, Nancy, Doug, Ian, Alix, Beth, and George stand watching their children grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless Nancy, Doug, Ian, Alix, Beth, and George. Rejoice with them as their children become adults. Strengthen them that they may support their sons as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them with your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

The Charge to the Young People

Presider Dear friends of Malcolm, Jamie, Luke, and Jack: As they move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you stand by them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Youth: **We will, with God's help.**

The Charge to the Congregation

Presider As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God which spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become adults?

People: **We will, with God's help.**

Presider

Will you guide, guard and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

People: **We will, with God's help.**

The Blessing

Malcolm, Jamie, Luke, and Jack, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of adulthood; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

Malcolm, Jamie, Luke, and Jack, may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and for evermore.

People **AMEN.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.
Gifts can be offered online at <https://www.our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2/>

Musical Offering *Sign me Up*

K. Yancy and J. Metcalfe

*Sign me up for the Christian jubilee,
write my name on the roll.
For I've been changed since the Lord has lifted me,
I want to be ready when Jesus comes.*

*When Jesus comes, oh the trumpet will sound loud.
When my Savior comes, all the saints in Christ shall rise.
Oh, I'm glad I've been changed since He lifted me,
I want to be ready when Jesus comes.*

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Blessing of the Gifts

Presider: All things come of you, O God
People: **Of your own we have given you.**

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1, *Enriching Our Worship*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

<p><i>Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!</i></p>	<p><i>Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord!</i></p>
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Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ has risen.
 Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer (contemporary)

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Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Allelulia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Allelulia!**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Easter Blessing

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May you know in your life the presence of the risen Lord, the peace of Christ who is eternal, and the power of Christ's resurrection, and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Closing Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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