

The Second Sunday of Easter
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
7 April 2024 Year B
10:30 AM

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Prelude Excerpts from Variations on *O filii et filiae* (O sons and daughters)
Jean-François Dandrieu (1682–1738)

***Processional Hymn** Awake, arise, lift your voice (*Richmond*) **Hymnal #212**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

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.*

The First Lesson **Acts 4:32–35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave 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 owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

Richard Farrant



- 1 Oh, how good and | pleasant it | is, *
when brethren | live to- | gether in | unity!
- 2 It is like fine | oil up-on the | head *
that runs | down up- | on the | beard,
- 3 Upon the | beard of | Aaron, *
and runs down upon the | collar | of his | robe.
- 4 It is like the | dew of | Hermon *
that | falls up-on the | hills of | Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has or- | dained the | blessing: *
– | life for | ever- | more.

The Epistle Reading

1 John 1:1–2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** We walk by faith, and not by sight (*St. Botolph*)

Hymnal #209 vv.1–2

***The Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Hymnal #209 vv.1-2

The Sermon

The Rev. Kit Tobin

***The Nicene Creed**

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
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 and the
Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

***The Prayers of the People**

In the Paschal mystery, God established the new covenant of reconciliation. In thanksgiving for our baptismal fellowship, let us offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ In thanksgiving for those whose generosity exceeds our understanding, and through whom the needs of others are satisfied; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for those who seek peace throughout the world, and unity amongst the churches, that together we may lift the light that overcomes darkness, and the love that no weapon can destroy; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the courage to acknowledge our sinful desires and actions, our pride and self-sufficiency, our worship of false gods; that in admitting our sins our hearts may be filled with mercy to forgive others; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the leaders of the nations of the world, that they may touch the wounds of the most vulnerable in their midst and feel moved to attend to the needs of the poor, the malnourished, the abused, and the isolated; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ That parents may be given the insight to make wise decisions for the life of their children, and be strengthened to share their faith from generation to generation; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those for whom the Christ Light brings hope in the midst of persecution, imprisonment, despair, instability, and violence, and who joyfully praise God in the midst of their troubles, that we may learn from their faith; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those who have died in the faith of Christ, that they may be welcomed into the place of eternal life; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

With God's grace as our strength, let us be of one heart and soul as we continue our prayers.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for

Joan	Linda	Edith	Chris	Jeff
Charles	Jim	Kathryn	Carole	Mary Beth
Wes	Gerald	Sarah	Sandy	Jack
Virginia	Cece	Avery	Amelia	Julianne
Shirley	Theodore	Nathan	Michael	Christina
Richard	Lorraine	Jane	Susan	Chavon

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Angela Crowley, Rafaele Henry, Hadassah Miller

Confession Of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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

*The Peace

Please remain in your pews. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)

***Presentation Hymn** That Easter day with joy was bright (*Puer nobis*)

Hymnal #193

*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal #S-130

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem **Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal #S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.

You may either intinct your wafer or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face (*Nyack*)
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (*Gelobt sei Gott*)

Hymnal #318

Hymnal #205

Post Communion Prayer

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

***Recessional** Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing (*O filii et filiae*)

Hymnal #206

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude on Lobe den Herren (*Praise to the Lord*) Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Crucifer: Alan Mata

Liturgical Ministers: BaoBao Zhang, Margaret Johnson, Sally Clayton

Virtual Vergers Matthew Sanaker, Michael Roman

This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant and guest preacher.

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

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Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Forward Day by Day for **February**, **March**, and **April** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

Candles and Flowers: If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).