

## Rite One Sunday Worship

*Using those portions allowed when Holy Communion is not available.*

### The Word of God

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Christ our Passover

*Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

*All* **Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven,**

**neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \***

**death hath no more dominion over him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \***

**but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \***

**but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ is risen from the dead, \***

**and become the first fruits of them that slept.**

**For since by man came death, \***

**by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

## **The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

*Celebrant* *The Lord be with you.*

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

*Lector* A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 22-32).

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

*To conclude the Lector says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

**Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \***

**I have said to the Lord,**

**"You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \***

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

**But those who run after other gods \***

**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

**Their libations of blood I will not offer, \***

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

**O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \***

**it is you who uphold my lot.**

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \***

**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

**I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \***

**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

**I have set the Lord always before me; \***

**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \***

**my body also shall rest in hope.**

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, \***

**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

**You will show me the path of life; \***

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,**

**and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*Lector*     A Reading from First Letter of Peter (1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a

little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*To conclude the Lector says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)

*People*     **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev'd Daniel B. Brown

**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**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Intercessor* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob, Don and Paul our Bishops, Neil and Keith our Bishops retired, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald our President, Brian our Governor, Fred our Mayor and Philip our County Commission Chairman, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Carol Blow, HD Cannington, Jack Hall, Dan Jubelt, Bob Lyle, Jane Symmes and Pat Wells and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for those who have shared their concerns with us in our register.

Give us humility and courage O Lord to serve those suffering COVID-19 infection and bring wisdom and patience to us all as we shelter in place and guard your creatures from further spread of the Corona virus.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of Ireland and especially as they are without a presiding Bishop.

In our Diocese of Atlanta we pray for the Clergy and People of Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro; El Buen Pastor, East Point; Church of the Good Shepherd, Covington; St. George's, Griffin; St. Mark's, Dalton; St. Mark's, LaGrange; for the board, management and residents of Cathedral Towers; for the Southwest GA Convocation and their Dean the Very Rev'd Brandon Dukes and for the Bishop and people of our companion and partner, the Diocese of Cape Coast.

We pray for Doug Adkins and our Parish Commission on Ministry: Terry Blum, OJ Booker, Rick Crowne, and Anna Marett.

We pray with those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries especially Mary McCauley, Martha Harrell, Caroline Vaughn, and Will Eskew

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service and for all who have lost their lives to the corona virus and it's complications; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of ever-blessed Virgin Mary, dear John the Baptist and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now in the words our Savior taught us we are bold to say,

**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.**

## A Blessing for Easter Season

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**