

Year B
Acts 4:32-35

Ps. 133

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1 John 1:1-2:2

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn 224 **Awake, Arise Lift Up Your Voice**

**Awake, Arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.**

**Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Saviour greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:**

**those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.**

**His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.**

**O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!**

THE GREETING

Celebrant
People

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant
People

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Reader The word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God***

PSALM 133 *Please remain seated*

Leader Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

People **It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**

Leader Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

People **It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

Leader For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader A reading from the first letter of John

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.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Celebrant
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
All

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

Celebrant
All

The Gospel of Christ
Praise be to thee, O Christ

Homily

The Rev. Canon Gloria Master

THE CREED

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "**Hear us, Lord of glory!**"

Leader

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. Hear us, Lord of glory! That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.
Silence is kept.

Celebrant **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

The members of the community greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn # 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

**Living Lord of Love's dominion, sovereign Saviour, bless your church;
call us still as your disciples – loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being prophets truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition nourish others while we serve.**

**Visit towns and inner cities; penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melts our coldness, making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured, in our neighbour's need until
deep within our daily service love draws forth our utmost skill.**

**With your bread, your wine, your Spirit, nourish us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow; fill our faith with vibrant love!**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 our Lord God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All

Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant

We were buried in your tomb.

All

Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

All

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

People: **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Hymn during Communion

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

**Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating word.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Prais the One redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Yours Be the Glory

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendor rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where your body lay.
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.***

***See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord is living; death has lost its sting.
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.***

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.***

**Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**