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April 27, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *The Peace May Be Exchanged*

Dan Locklair

VIDI AQUAM (I Saw Water)

I saw water flow from the temple, from the right side, alleluia!
Praise the Lord, sing praise for His goodness, for His mercy forever endures.
Praise the Lord, sing praise for His goodness, for His mercy ever endures.
Glory to the Father and Son, Holy Spirit, Three in One;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever
Through all ages, through all ages. Amen. Alleluia.

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Faithful*

Come, ye faithful, raise your voices, Alleluia, Alleluia,
For this day the world rejoices, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sing the song of resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Christ would grant to us salvation, Alleluia, Alleluia!

When the women would anoint Him, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Lo, an angel said unto them, Alleluia, Alleluia,
He is not here, He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Go, proclaim the resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now, with tears of joy and gladness, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Learn, O man, of God's forgiveness, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Let us worship our Redeemer, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise the Lord, our God and Savior, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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INTROIT

Psalm 40:2-4

C: I waited, waited for the Lord; who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.
R: And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia. C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE

Alstott

GLORIA

Englert

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You redeemed us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that we may benefit from the graces merited by our Savior. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
R. Amen.

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon’s portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalms 116:15-16

C: Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful. Alleluia. **R: Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. Alleluia.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er-last - ing.

R (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say, “His mercy endures forever.”

R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God’s word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord’s day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, “Write on a scroll what you see.” Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

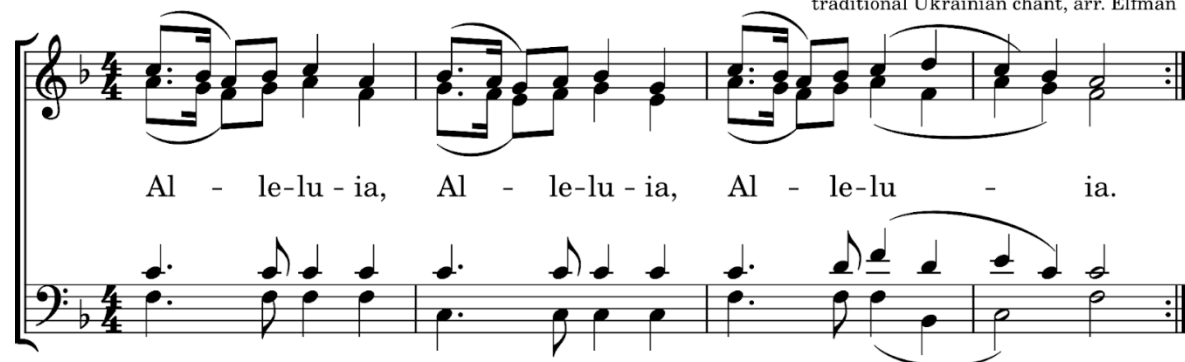
When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards.”

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Psalms 30:2, 4

traditional Ukrainian chant, arr. Elfman



Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** C: I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit. **R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. 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." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to 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 into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 143 *Holy Spirit, Dwell Within Us* (1, 4)

Holy Spirit, dwell within us, Great Creator, come and teach us.
Send Your grace and consolation, fill the hearts of Your creation.

God, to You, Almighty Father, and Your Son, our risen Savior,
One with Your own Spirit Holy, evermore be praise and glory.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

R: Lord hear our prayer

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalms 56:12b-13

O God, I will present my thank offerings to You. For You have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00) ANTHEM (9:30) *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!*



Refrain: Al-le-lu-ia, — Al - le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, our glorious King,
From death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! *Refrain*

That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! *Refrain*

An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spoke unto the three:
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee." Alleluia! *Refrain*

That night the apostles met in fear, and Christ did in their midst appear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! *Refrain*

When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! *Refrain*

"My wounded side, O Thomas, see; behold my hands, my feet," said He:
"Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! *Refrain*

No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side.
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! *Refrain*

How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! *Refrain*

On this most holy day of days, To God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! *Refrain*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, accept the offerings of Your rejoicing Church which You have enlivened this day; and grant us the gift of perpetual gladness, for You have given us cause for great joy. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

SALZBURG

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King.
He has washed us in the tide flowing from His wounded side.
Praise the Lord, Whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast; Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ the Lamb, Whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, paschal bread!
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath You lie;
Death is conquered in the fight; You have brought us life and light.
Your victorious banners wave; You have risen from the grave;
You have opened Paradise, and in You all saints shall rise.

COMMUNION VERSE

Ezekiel 37:13

Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O My people! Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, Jesus Christ, to You belong the keys of life and death by the will of the Father. Preserve us through these Holy Mysteries that our redemption may be assured and our doubts relieved. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 136 *That Easter Day* (1, 2, 4)

That Easter day with joy was bright;
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restored
Th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
That He had risen from the grave.

O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield,
Thine own redeemed forever shield.

POSTLUDE *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

setting, J. S. Bach