

The 2nd Sunday of Easter, Cycle B – Easter 2 (White)

Sunday April 11, 2021

Presider: the Rev. Andrew Twiddy

Readings:

ACTS 4:32-35; PSALM 133; 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2; JOHN 20:19-31

Music for the day:

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998) or the local parish booklet *Open Wide the Church's Door*

Opening	CP 217	Through the Red Sea Brought at Last (<i>all 3 verses</i>)
Reflective	-	Hinneh Mah Tov (<i>How Good it is – Hebrew melody</i>)
<i>Lyrics: Hee-NAY mah tov, oo mah nah-EEM, SHEH-vet akh-EEM gam YAH-chad</i>		
Gospel	<i>(p.4 Open Wide)</i>	Amazement and Delight (<i>click on link below</i>) (<i>verses 3,4,5</i>)
Closing	CP 378	Crown Him With Many Crowns (<i>verses 1,3,4</i>)

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The Collect – the Prayer of the Day:

**Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
so that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

A First Reading: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Reader: When we are all united in purpose, look what happens! A reading from the Book of Acts.

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.

Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

ACTS 4:32-35 ~ NRSV

The Psalm

(English text on the left, Hebrew text on the right)

VERSE OF THE DAY: How good it is when kindred live together in unity

A Davidic song, for the journeys that take us upward

שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת לְדָוִד

1 O, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

הִנֵּה מֵה־טוֹב וּמֵה־נֶּעֱמִים
שִׁבְתַּת אֲחֵים גַּם־יָסֵד:

2 It is like fine oil upon the head,
that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of the robe.

כַּשֶּׁמֶן הַטוֹב | עַל־הָרֹאשׁ יִרֵד עַל־הַנְּקָו זָקֹן־אַהֲרֹן
שִׁירֵד עַל־פִּי מְדוּתָיו:

3 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion;
for there the Holy One has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

כַּטַּל־הַרְמוֹן שִׁירֵד עַל־הַרְבֵּי צִיּוֹן כִּי לֵשֶׁם | צִנָּה יְהוָה אֶת־הַבְּרָכָה
חַיִּים עַד־הָעוֹלָם:

A Second Reading: FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

Reader: “How do we live with clarity, simplicity, and joy ?” A reading from the first letter of John (...pause)

¹⁻² From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we’re telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God took shape before us.

³⁻⁴ We saw it, we heard it, and now we’re telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

⁵ This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there’s not a trace of darkness in God.

⁷ If we walk in the light, with God actually being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God’s Son, purges all our sin.

⁸⁻¹⁰ If we claim that we’re free of sin, we’re only fooling ourselves. On the other hand, if we admit our sins—simply come clean about them—God won’t let us down; you can count on that.

2 ¹⁻² I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus, the true and just one, the Anointed One. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world’s.

(...pause)

Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

1 JOHN 1 1-5, 7-9; 2.1-2, The Message, alt. A. Twiddy

The Gospel Reading:

Reader: Where do you go when you are afraid?
The holy gospel, according to John.

(All: Glory to you, Jesus, the Anointed One)

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 authorities, 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 Anointed One, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom: The Gospel of Christ. (... All: Praise to you, Jesus the Anointed One)

An Invitation to Weekly & Daily Prayer

*in our cycle of prayer this day and throughout this week, we give thanks and we pray together
for the well-being of the world, the church, and those in special need*

We give thank and we pray for peace, justice, and well-being throughout the world:

- giving thanks for all whose lives of service promote the common good
- honouring First Nations on whose traditional territories we live and work
- asking that we may grow in our resolve to respond to climate crisis, and to care for our planet
- seeking a spirit of reconciliation & collaboration among nations, faiths, & cultures
- and remembering our governmental leaders and elected representatives,
in the municipal, provincial, federal, and international work they undertake

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our wider family in faith:

- for ecumenical and interspiritual co-operation, and for all our neighbouring churches
- for our partnership in the Anglican communion throughout the world:
for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Linda our Primate; for Lynne our Metropolitan;
and for all with whom they work and serve
- for Mark our National Aboriginal Archbishop, for our journey in faith and solidarity with the
Council of the North, and for the work of all our Indigenous Anglican communities

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our own parish and diocesan family, remembering especially:

- all our members, associates, and friends who share in our ministry
- for the ministry of all our parish groups, networks, partners & organizations
- for all parishes of our diocese, especially remembering ...
- for Anna our Bishop, and for our priests Andrew & Christine, in ministry among & beyond us;

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for those who express care and compassion,

- for those working on the frontlines of care and service in a time of global pandemic, for leaders in health care, and for research workers and those who work behind the scenes to bring relief, hope, and healing
- for the work of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund and its global partners, for the Canadian Food Grains Bank and those responding to global hunger, drought, floods, fires, migration, and displacement
- remembering those who reach out to the needy and to vulnerable populations in our local community, & those who nurture all the circles of our citizenship, both nationally and around the world
- for the work of our local agencies serving and advocating for those on the margins, and for those who face issues of homelessness, addiction, and mental health

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

As we stand in solidarity alongside all those in need, we pray:

- for those in trouble, sorrow, conflict, sickness, or any other adversity ...
- and in silence or aloud, we remember the special needs of those requesting our prayers ...

God of love and compassion hear our prayer



The Simplicity Prayer

*The Prayer Jesus Gave Us,
in the tradition and simplicity of Clare and Francis of Assisi*

~ A Franciscan Lord's Prayer ~

Our Beloved,

Your energy is compassionate and unique.

We want everyone to be aware of this.

We want everything to share in this.

Restore all things,

to be in harmony, on the outside, and on the inside.

Give us what we really need now,

for today, and for each day.

Free us from the harm we have done,

and help us, in our journey of recovery,

to release those who have harmed us.

Keep us safe during our times of distress,

and release us from oppression.

For your purpose, your strength, and your glory,

is to bring together everyone and everything.

We are depending on this. We are committed to this.