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## + SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER +

April 27, 2025

### 465 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**C** make known his deeds among the peoples!

**P** Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**C** tell of all his wondrous works!

**P** Glory in his holy name;

**C** let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**P** Seek the LORD and his strength;

**C** seek his presence continually!

**P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**P** He remembers his covenant forever,

**C** the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### KYRIE

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."



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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–32

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them,

“Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”<sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,<sup>28</sup> saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.<sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 148*

**A** Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

**C** praise him in the heights!

**A** Praise him, all his angels;

**C** praise him, all his hosts!

**A** Praise him, sun and moon,

**C** praise him, all you shining stars!

**A** Praise him, you highest heavens,

**C** and you waters above the heavens!

**A** Let them praise the name of the LORD!

**C** For he commanded and they were created.

**A** And he established them forever and ever;

**C** he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

**A** Praise the LORD from the earth,

**C** you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**A** fire and hail, snow and mist,

**C** stormy wind fulfilling his word!

**A** Mountains and all hills,

**C** fruit trees and all cedars!

**A** Beasts and all livestock,

**C** creeping things and flying birds!

**A** Kings of the earth and all peoples,

**C** princes and all rulers of the earth!

**A** Young men and maidens together,

**C** old men and children!

**A** Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;

**C** his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**A** He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,

**C** for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 1:4–18*

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and

the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

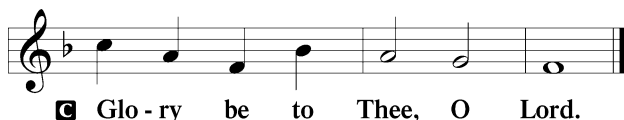
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## HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so

that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\div$  everlasting. Amen.

**470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** sts. 4–7



4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had  
6 "My pier - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -  
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the



came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.  
on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."  
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.



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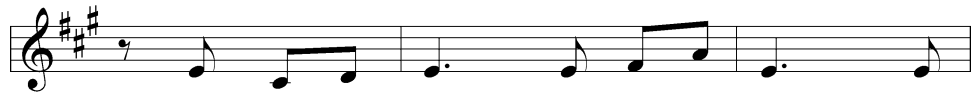
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**SERMON** "The Living One Speaks" Revelation 1:4–19

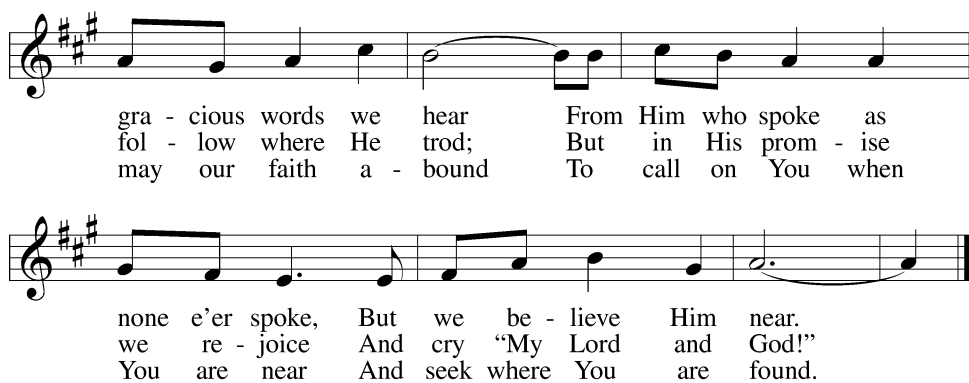
**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**OFFERTORY 720 We Walk By Faith and not by Sight** sts. 1–3



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
You are near And seek where You are found.

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## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For strength to praise our God aright, that our hearts and mouths would be filled with joy at the death and resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the forgiveness of our sins and the blessing of pastors who serve in Christ's name, that the Church would be built up in our time and in the ages to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who have wandered from the household of faith, that faithful to His promises God would work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for His unending grace and steadfast love; and that they would return to the faith and delight in Christ, crucified and raised for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Church of God, that the holy angels would minister to those imprisoned on account of the testimony of Jesus; and that the whole Church would be emboldened in her witness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our president; Congress; our governor; the legislature of our state; all who make, administer and judge our laws; and those who respond in emergency and disaster and guard our liberty, that the Lord would guide and protect them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the servants of the Lord afflicted among us, *especially* \_\_\_\_\_, that God, the Great Physician, would grant them healing under the shadow of His wings, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Alpha and Omega, almighty God, who was and is and is to come, with You all the souls of the faithful rest in safety and in the assurance of the resurrection of all flesh. Make safe our way to join them, and bring us with John and all the saints into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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- C** 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 forever and ever.

Amen.

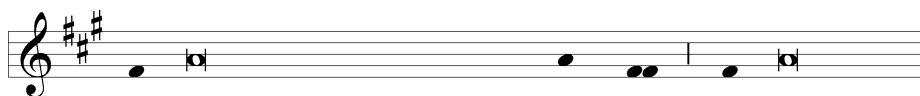
## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

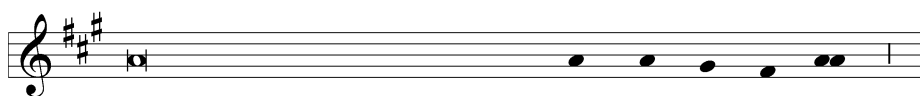
**C** Amen.

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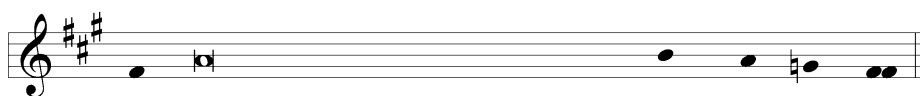
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING *sts. 8–9*



8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and



faith has con-stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.  
 ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic-es raise.



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