



THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

All Are Welcome

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OPENING SENTENCES

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Celebrant: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Congregation: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

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

GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING (seated)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²"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— ²³this 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. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible

for him to be held in its power.²⁵For 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; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.²⁷For you will not

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 16

Read in unison

*¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; **

*I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."*

*²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.*

*³But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.*

*⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.*

*⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.*

*⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*

*⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.*

*⁸I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*

*⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.*

*¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.*

¹¹ 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.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed 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, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

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THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Rev. Deacon Michael Hackett

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

Congregation: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this

book. ³¹But 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Childers

POST SERMON REFLECTION MUSIC

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (standing)

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*With all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord, saying*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For our Bishop Shannon, our clergy Robert, Michael and Kathleen, and for all the
clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For our President Donald, Governor Jeff, Parish President Cynthia, for the leaders of
the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For this city, the surrounding community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve
it,*

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the
suffering, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners
and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us
pray to the Lord.*

THE COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE POSTLUDE
