

THE OCTAVE SUNDAY OF EASTER – QUASIMODO SUNDAY



Incipit of the Gregorian chant introit from the *Liber Usualis* for the Octave Sunday of Easter, from which it is called "Quasimodo Sunday."

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Sunday, April 19, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic; **Homilist:** Terry Deforest;
Cantor/Soloist: Sarah McPherson; **Keyboard:** Michael Bloss

Words of Welcome

Sentence – “Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe (John 20.29).”

Music – Morgen Op. 27 No.4 (Richard Strauss)

*Und morgen wird die Sonne wieder scheinen
und auf dem Wege, den ich gehen werde,
wird uns, die Glücklichen sie wieder einen
inmitten dieser sonnenatmenden Erde...
und zu dem Strand, dem weiten, wogenblauen,
werden wir still und langsam niedersteigen,
stumm werden wir uns in die Augen schauen,
und auf uns sinkt des Glückes stummes Schweigen...*

Tomorrow!

*Tomorrow again will shine the sun
And on my sunlit path of earth
Unite us again, as it has done,
And give our bliss another birth...
The spacious beach under wave-blue skies
We'll reach by descending soft and slow,
And mutely gaze in each other's eyes,
As over us rapture's great hush will flow.*

Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

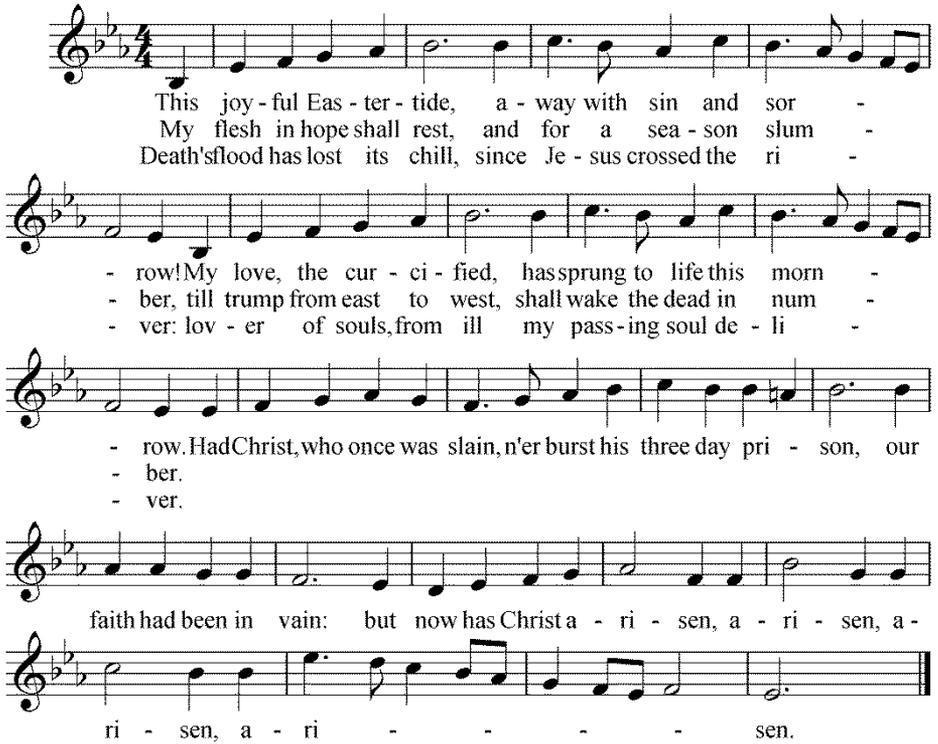
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O God, our beginning and our end:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty and,
by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

Hymn – This Joyful Eastertide

Sung by the assembly



This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and sor -
My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son slum -
Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the ri -
- row! My love, the cur - ci - fied, has sprung to life this morn -
- ber, till trump from east to west, shall wake the dead in num -
- ver: lov - er of souls, from ill my pass - ing soul de - li -
- row. Had Christ, who once was slain, n'er burst his three day pri - son, our
- ber.
- ver.
faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ri - sen, a - ri - sen, a -
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Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all as introduced by the cantor.



Halleluiah!

I will give thanks to God **with** my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the **con**-gre-gation.

Great **are** the deeds of God!*
they are studied by all who de-**light** in them.

Your work O God, is full of **majes**-ty and splendour,*
and your righteousness en-**dures** for ever.



You make your marvellous works **to** be remembered;*
you are gracious and **full of** com-**passion**.

You give food **to** those who fear you;*
you are ever mindful **of** your covenant.

You have shown your people the **pow'r** of your works*
in giving them the lands **of** the nations.

The works of your hands are **faithful-ness** and justice;*
all your com-**mandments** are sure.

They stand fast for **ev-er** and ever,*
because they are done in **truth** and equity.

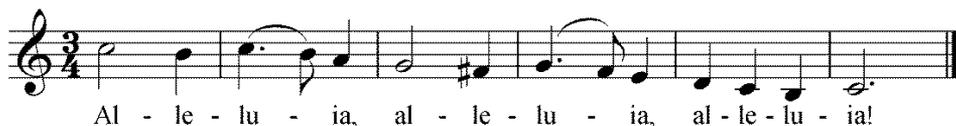
You sent redemption to your people:
you commanded your **coven-ant** for ever:*
holy and awesome **is** your name.

The fear of God is the be-**gin-ning** of wisdom;*
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
your praise en-**dures** for ever.

Glory to God, **Source** of all being, eternal Word and **Ho-ly** Spirit
as it was **in** the beginning, is now and will be forever. **A-men**.

Gradual Alleluia

(assembly joins in the refrain, cantor sings the verse.)



*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast
not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

Word (John 20: 19-31)

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.

Words of Reflection – Canon Terry DeForest

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: love your neighbour as yourself
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Song of Mary

(sung by all)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour
For you Lord have looked with **favour**
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blessed**
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**
And lifting **up** the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good **things**
And sent the rich **away** empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy
The promise you made to our **forebears**
To Abraham, Sarah and their **children** for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy** Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

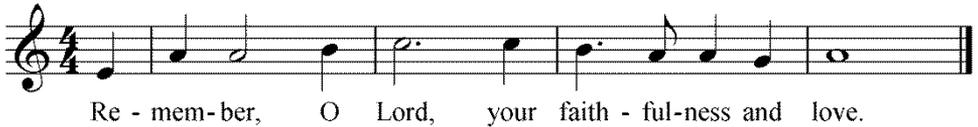
Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for 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.**

The Litany

Response *(The organ plays the refrain, and then all repeat after each petition.)*



Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Let us pray to Christ the Redeemer, who suffers with us on the cross of a broken and hurting world; may he give us a share in the joy of His resurrection.

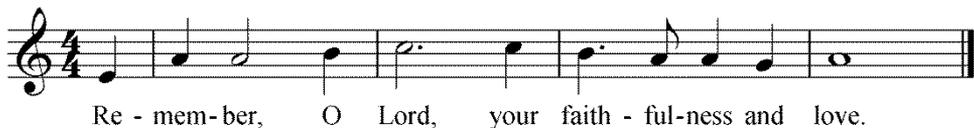
Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ of the Garden, when all was in stillness and quiet, you shattered the chains of death; come to us now, in our hour of need, and bring warmth to the chill of this long night

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ of the New Creation, your word goes forth and does not return to you empty; vivify our parched lives in the fresh waters that spring forth from the well of our salvation

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.



Christ of the Resurrection and new life, grant that we who must passover from this life, may die with you in death, and rise with you in glory

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ the Servant King, you offer reconciliation to fractured lives, and healing to broken worlds; give to nations of this earth, wisdom and prudence to govern in the spirit of your example

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ the Word of Life, breathe upon the isolation and uncertainty of a world that longs for hope; embrace us in the strong love that bridges all doubt, all distance, and all that would divide us.

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

The Lord's Prayer

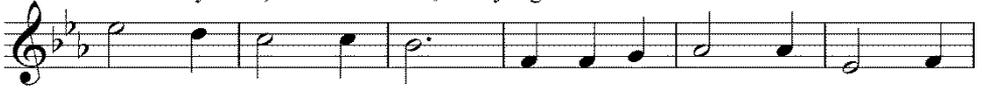
Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one, and pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

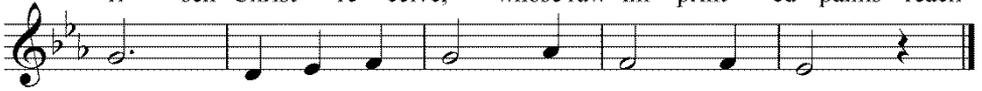
Hymn – These Things Did Thomas Count as Real



These things did Tho - mas count as real: the warmth of
The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the



blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind to a - ny un - ex - pec - ted
live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
ri - sen Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed palms reach



stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
braille the mar-kings of the spear and nail.
out and be-ckoned Tho - mas from his doubt.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

May the Morning Star which never sets find the flame of His love burning in our hearts, when he comes again in glory.

Amen.

Music – Prelude in G (Johann Sebastian Bach)