THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT JOHN’S CHURCH
LAFAYETTE SQUARE
WASHINGTON, DC

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OPENING SENTENCES

_Priest:_ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

_People:_ The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

_Priest:_ On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

_Psalm 118:24_

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

_Priest:_ Lord, open our lips.

_People:_ And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

_Priest and People:_

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. Alleluia.

_Priest:_ Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

_People:_ Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

_Pascha nostrum_

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

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

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.
Priest: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Psalm 23

RECORDING FROM ST. JOHN’S CHOIR’S ALBUM

THE HOMILY The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague
**THE PRAYERS**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Priest and People:*  

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE SUFFRAGES**

*Versicle:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response:* And grant us your salvation.

*Versicle:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response:* Let your people sing with joy.

*Versicle:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response:* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Versicle:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response:* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Versicle:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response:* Your saving health among all nations.

*Versicle:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response:* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Versicle:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response:* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Priest: 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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Priest: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Deacon: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Romans 15:13