

The Worship of God
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020

Call to Worship

O God, you have defeated death.
Now give us faith to believe.
You have taken away our sin.
Now give us the grace to accept.
Your love has conquered hate.
Now give us the compassion to share.
Your light shines in the darkness.
Now give us eyes to see.
Eternal One, to you we lift up our hearts.
Now give us hope for the living of these days.

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Silent Meditation

*Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!*
~ Martin Luther

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Pastoral Prayer

From Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.
You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

Witness of Faith

Elizabeth Brown

Sing to Jesus

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

**Show me your ways, O Lord.
Teach me your paths, Holy One;
lead me in truth, the source of salvation.
I wait for Thee. I wait for Thee.
I wait. I wait. Amen**

Sermon

Prayer of Trust

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life
and renewed hope.

Help us to live as people made new by your life.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to
do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to
do it, and the strength to complete it.

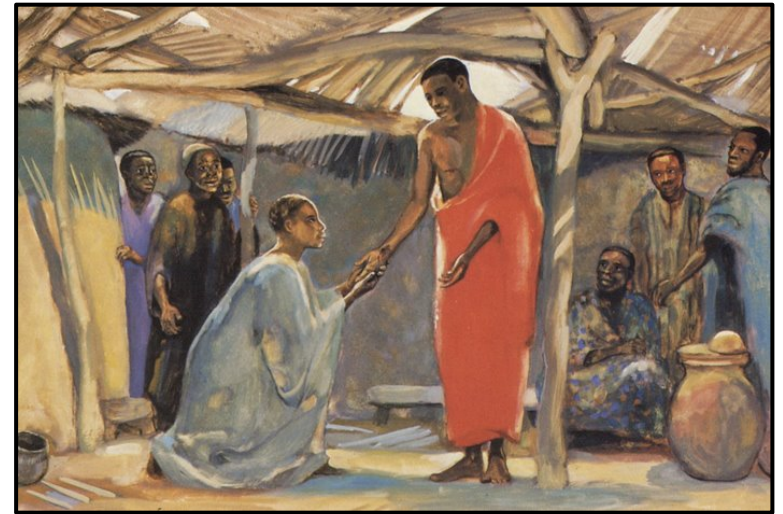
Be present to all in trouble, darkness, and despair. Let your light
shine in all the world today.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy. Amen.**

— adapted from the *New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*

Benediction

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;
granting peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face, know His grace forever.
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