



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

AS WE GATHER: Our Easter sermon series examines 6 tough topics that are often thought about (if not asked) by those inside and outside of the church. *Why do bad things happen to good people? Is the Bible reliable? Is abortion wrong? What is the relationship between faith and science? How should I identify? How do I navigate politics?* There are no easy answers, but join us as we find that Scripture will help us navigate these questions with wisdom, grace, and humility.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #482

“This Joyful Eastertide”

1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death’s flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: Refrain.

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pastor: Through Him we are risen to new life!

People: We are and will be risen indeed!

Pastor: Because Jesus lives,

People: In Him we will live also!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before our holy God, seeking the blessing of His peace through the purifying work of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy God, merciful Father,

People: We confess that we have not followed our Savior as we ought. By what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You in lives of holiness. Purify our hearts, merciful Father, through the presence of Jesus Christ, that we be blessed with the forgiveness He freely offers to us all. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus stands in your midst today and speaks into your ears the words of life that bring healing to your souls. As His called and ordained servant, I announce His grace to all of you and, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #633, vs. 1,2,7,8 “At the Lamb’s High Feast”

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit,
grant that we may gladly hear Your Word
proclaimed among us and follow its directing;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God,
now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:97-105

⁹⁷*Oh how I love your law!*

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸*Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.*

⁹⁹*I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.*

¹⁰⁰*I understand more than the aged,*

for I keep your precepts.
*¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.*
*¹⁰² I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.*
*¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*
*¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.*
*¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "True or False?" Miss Heidi

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:14-17

*¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have
firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and
how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred
writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through
faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and
profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for
training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be
complete, equipped for every good work.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:24-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 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."

²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then 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." 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 believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON Asking for a Friend: "Is the Bible Reliable?"
Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#583

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"
(alternate tune: Austria)

1 God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.

- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
 Christ, the everlasting Son,
 Brightness of the Father's glory,
 With the Father ever one;
 Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
 God of God, before time was;
 Light of Light, to earth descending,
 He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
 Speaking to our hearts again,
 In the ageless Word declaring
 His own message, now as then.
 Through the rise and fall of nations
 One sure faith yet standing fast;
 God abides, His Word unchanging;
 God the first, and God the last.

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NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

-Executive Pastor Call meeting to Vote on our next Senior Pastor will be on April 18 at 11:45 AM in the school gymnasium

- Do you have a unique car or truck or motorcycle? Maybe something classic? then join us by entering your vehicle in our Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show on June 19 from 9 AM - 2 PM. Visit ddlc.org/events for the registration form to enter your vehicle. Any make and model is welcome. Only \$10 to show you vehicle. Then mark your calendars to attend this free show!

OFFERTORY #582 “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”

1 God’s Word is our great heritage
 And shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age
 Shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way,
 In death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
 We keep its teachings pure
 Throughout all generations.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: You have heard our pleas for mercy, O Lord, and given up Your Son to be our Savior. Hear us now as we come to You on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Our hearts have burned in us, O Lord, as Your Word has been read and preached. Keep our faith from growing cold and grant us grace, that we may not waver in faith or succumb to temptation. Give to us and to our children receptive hearts, that we may hear and, hearing, believe and, believing, be steadfast in this faith and hope all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You have cleansed us, O Lord, with water and the Word in Baptism, and You have marked us as Your own people. Give to us grace, that we may live out this faith in holy lives, lifting up Your name in word and works for as long as we live. Guide us, that we may purify our souls by living in obedience to Your Word and in brotherly love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from all our afflictions, and grant us strength to bear all our burdens, O Lord.

According to Your gracious will, heal the sick, relieve those who suffer, comfort the grieving and give peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Stay with us, O Lord, and be our strength in weakness and our hope in time of despair. Your gracious will once kept the saints in faith even unto death. Keep us, we pray, with them in Your faith and fear, that we may be found faithful when Christ comes again in His glory to bring to fulfillment all things, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and whatever other things we need, O Lord, we pray You to grant us in the name of and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death has made full atonement for our sin and whose resurrection has granted to us the promise of our own joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God.

And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

COMMUNION RECEPTION

CANTICLE

“Thank the Lord”



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN #478

“The Day of Resurrection”

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light

And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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Lay Readers:

8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: Janet Bahr

Acolytes:

8:00AM: Logan Neitzel & Sophia Vetta

10:30AM: Chloe Pingle &

Sound:

8:00AM: Shannon Bader

10:30AM: Pat Klug

Elders:

8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: