

Sunday, April 11, 2021—Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Instrumental Hymn: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” (vss. 1 & 2)

1. Re-joice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King a-dore!
Re-joice, give thanks and sing and tri-umph ev-er-more.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Re-joice, a-gain, I say, re-joice!

2. Je-sus the Sav-ior reigns, the God of truth and love.
When he had purged our stains he took his seat a-bove.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Re-joice, a-gain, I say, re-joice!

Call to Worship

Let us gather in a spirit of thanksgiving, praising God for gifts of grace that flow from the empty tomb! Amen!

Prayer of Invocation:

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the power of your love, which rolls away stones and frees us from the power of death. Join us as we worship you! Hear our praises; receive our prayers; speak to us through your Word; then pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit to equip us for ministry as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen!

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the
mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing—life forevermore.

Epistle Reading:

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our own eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may also have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Reading:

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 is 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

Instrumental Hymn: "Christ Arose"

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je-sus my Sav-ior!
Wait-ing the com-ing day, Je-sus my Lord!
Up from the grave he a-rose, with a might-y tri-umph o'er his foes.
He a-rose a vic-tor from the dark do-main,
And he lives for-ev-er with Hus saints to reign.
He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

2. Vain-ly they keep his bed— Je-sus my Sav-ior!
Vain-ly they seal the dead— Je-sus my Lord!
Up from the grave he a-rose, with a might-y tri-umph o'er his foes.
He a-rose a vic-tor from the dark do-main,
And he lives for-ev-er with Hus saints to reign.
He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

3. Death can-not keep his prey— Je-sus my Sav-ior!
He tore the bars a-way— Je-sus my Lord!
Up from the grave he a-rose, with a might-y tri-umph o'er his foes.
He a-rose a vic-tor from the dark do-main,
And he lives for-ev-er with Hus saints to reign.
He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

We give you thanks, O God, for the joy of the empty tomb, and the hope that sustains us. Inspired by all that you have done, we bring our gifts and our lives to you. Receive our offerings with your blessing, that together we may share the good news of your love in Jesus Christ with all people. Amen!

Benediction

Postludes

Please take your bulletin home with you.