# Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023





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Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – "Welcome Table"



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### Welcome \* Welcome Pads \* Post it Notes

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

### Prayer of the Day Let us pray,

Creator God, you formed us out of clay and blew into our nostrils the breath of life. Breathe upon us, again, O God. Guide your Holy Spirit into our lives. Spread in us this year your Easter peace. Let forgiveness become our name.

~ written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on The Sunday Website of Saint Louis Universit, adapted. http://liturgy.slu.edu/

#### Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "Canticle of the Feathered Ones"

# Canticle of the Feathered Ones

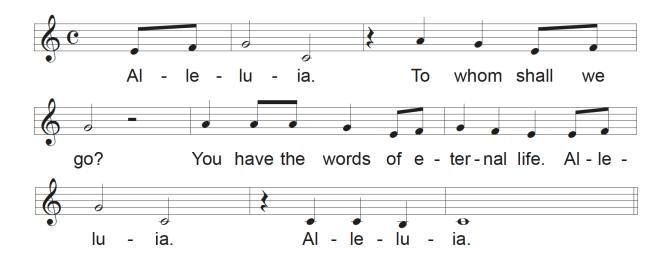
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# THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of John chapter 20 verses 19-31.



(Reader): 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,

### (Side 1): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): 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,

# (Side 2): "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Reader): When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

(Side 1): "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."

(Reader): But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

(Side 2): "We have seen the Lord."

(Reader): But he said to them,

(Side 1): "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."

(Reader): 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,

(Side 2): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): Then he said to Thomas,

(Side 1): "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

(Reader): Thomas answered him,

(Side 2): "My Lord and my God!"

(Reader): Jesus said to him,

(ALL): "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

(Reader): 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): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Musical Message – Sara Thomsen

Song of the Day – "By Breath"



### Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: Lord, who is mercy:

Sung response "O Spirit Guide Me Now"



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### Offering

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Offering Song: "Rhapsody of Rest"

# Rhapsody of Rest

Inspired by Psalm 92

Sara Thomsen









# The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing together:

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

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.

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth. So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "I Was Hungry"; "How Great Thou Art"



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### How Great Thou Art





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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.** 

### Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

### Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – "By Breath" (Refrain)

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

#### Benediction

"Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.... and may the blessing of God be with you always. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. **Amen**.

Henri-Frédéric Amiel https://goodsamaritan.dioet.org/dfc/newsdetail\_2/3159888

Sending Song: "Turning of the World"

Let us sing this song for the turning of the world That we may turn as one With every voice, with every song, We will move this world along And our lives will feel the echo of our turning

With every voice, with every song We will move this world along (2x) And our lives will feel the echo of our turning

Vs. 2

Let us sing this song for the loving of the world That we may love as one With every voice, with every song, We will move this world along And our lives will feel the echo of our loving

With every voice, with every song We will move this world along (2x) And our lives will feel the echo of our loving

Vs. 3

Let us sing this song for the healing of the world That we may heal as one With every voice, with every song, We will move this world along And our lives will feel the echo of our healing

With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along (2x)
And our lives will feel the echo of our healing

Vs. 4

Let us sing this song for the dreaming of the world That we may dream as one With every voice, with every song, We will move this world along And our lives will feel the echo of our dreaming

With every voice, with every song We will move this world along (2x) And our lives will feel the echo of our dreaming

Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

#### Music to Send You Out

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