

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2009

Welcome to Grace Church! Please be sure to turn your cell phone off when you enter. Silence will aid an atmosphere of prayer.

Organ—Prelude in D minor, BWV 539

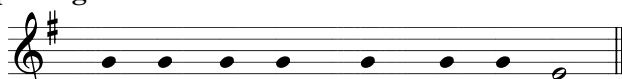
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit—Quasimodo

Mode 6

Like newborn babies, alleluia, you must hunger for pure milk, the milk of the Word, alleluia. *Ps.* Sing with joy to God our strength: raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (*1 Peter 2*)

Opening Acclamation



V. Al- le- lu- ia! Christ is ris- en.



R. The Lord is ris- en in- deed, al- le- lu- ia.

Gloria in excelsis—*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan



Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.



We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor- ship thee, we glo- ri- fy



thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo- ry, O Lord



God, heav'n- ly King, God—the Fa-ther al- migh- ty—



O Lord, the on- ly be- got- ten Son, Je- sus Christ, O Lord God



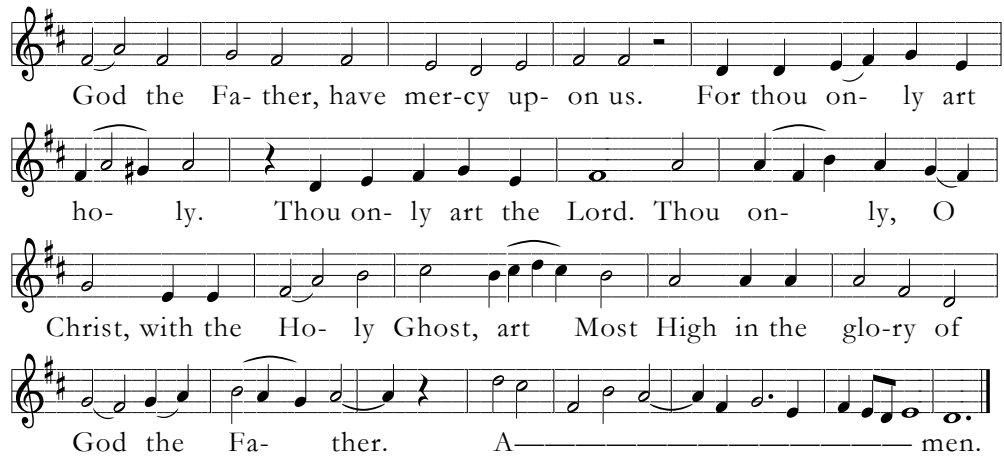
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak- est a- way the sins of the



world, have mer- cy up- on us. Thou that tak- est a- way the sins of the



world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that sit- test at the right hand of



God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up- on us. For thou on- ly art
 ho- ly. Thou on- ly art the Lord. Thou on- ly, O
 Christ, with the Ho- ly Ghost, art Most High in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa- ther. A—men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading— Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Gradual—Psalm 133

setting by Bruce Ford

Refrain—*Cantor; then all repeat:*



How good and pleas- ant it is to live in u- ni—ty!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. *All repeat the Refrain.*

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. *All repeat the Refrain.*

Second Reading—I John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our 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 also may 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 with one 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

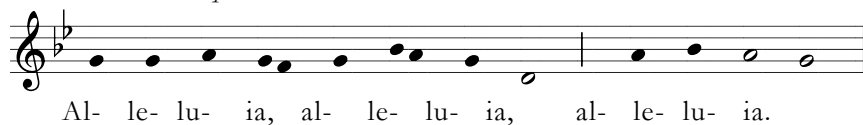
People Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Sequence Hymn 203

Alleluia

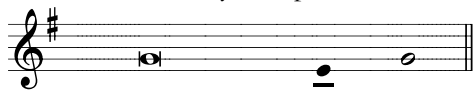
Cantor; then all repeat



✠ You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe (*John 20*) *All repeat Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel—John 20:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

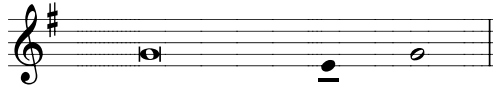


People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Father Holland

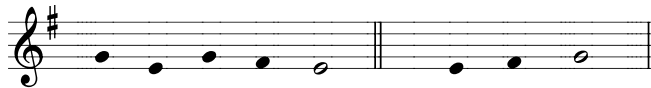
Nicene Creed—*Hymnal, inside back cover*

Prayers of the People—Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Here and after each petition is sung



∩ Lord, in your mer-cy, ⦿ Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Aria—*Messiah*

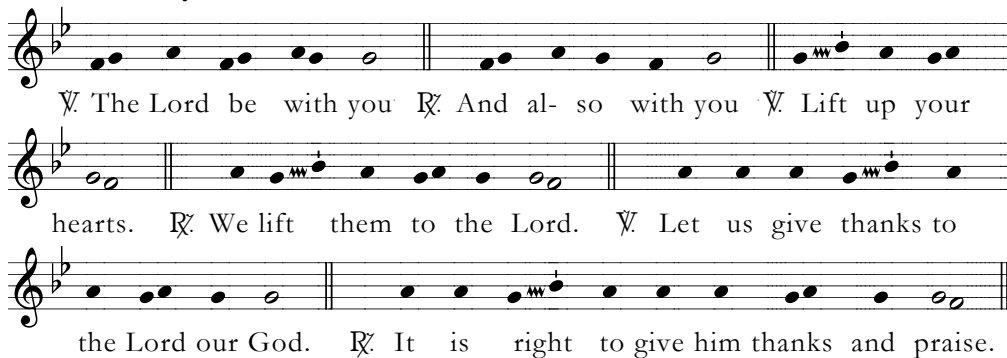
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy his body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

(Job 19; I Corinthians 15)

Hymn 193

Eucharistic Prayer D

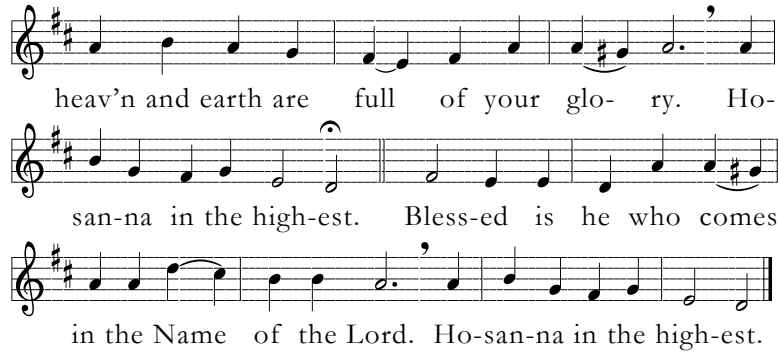


♯ The Lord be with you ℞ And al- so with you ♯ Lift up your
 hearts. ℞ We lift them to the Lord. ♯ Let us give thanks to
 the Lord our God. ℞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you and glorify your Name as we sing



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry. 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.

The people remain standing. The celebrant continues:

We acclaim you holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to your help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to you right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have give us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. [Remember *NN.* and those who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember _____. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.] And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant begins



And now as our Sa-vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All continue



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,



thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in



hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-



pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us. And lead us



not in- to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the



king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A- men.

Breaking of the Bread



℣. Christ our Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us;



℟. There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei—*Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*

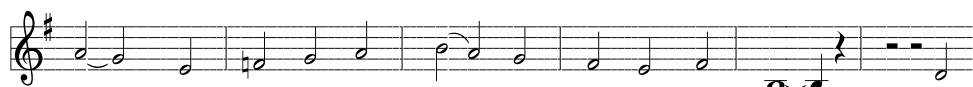
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O Lamb of God, that tak-est a- way the sins of the



world, have mer- cy up- on us. O Lamb of



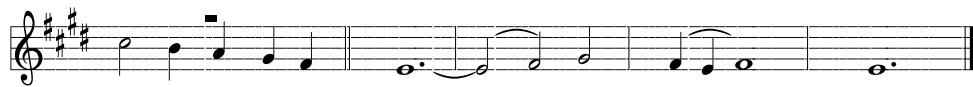
God, that tak-est a- way the sins of the world, have



mer- cy up- on us. O Lamb of God, that



tak- est a- way the sins of the world,



grant — us thy peace.

This is an open altar and all who are baptized and desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ are invited to do so. If you have difficulty with steps, there is a hand rail on the far side of the pulpit to assist you or you may inform an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please move toward the aisle to receive.

Communion Antiphon—*Mitte manum tuam*

Mode 6

Put your hand here, and behold the print of the nails, and be doubtful no longer, but believe, alleluia. (*John 20*)

Post-Communion Prayer

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that in our hearts and minds we may devoutly revere this Paschal sacrament which we have received, and that it may bring forth in us the fruits of godly living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter Seasonal Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Paschal Dismissal

The assisting priest sings: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia, *and all respond:*



Thanks be to God, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

Hymn 205

Organ—Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

*The Grace Church Choir is off today and will return on April 26.
The cantor and soloist for mass today is Kathryn Stewart.*