

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visits from the Lord.



April 19, 2020

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Quote: "Easter is never deserved." -Jan Karon

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Easter Prelude on 'Victory'"

Dennis Eliot

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

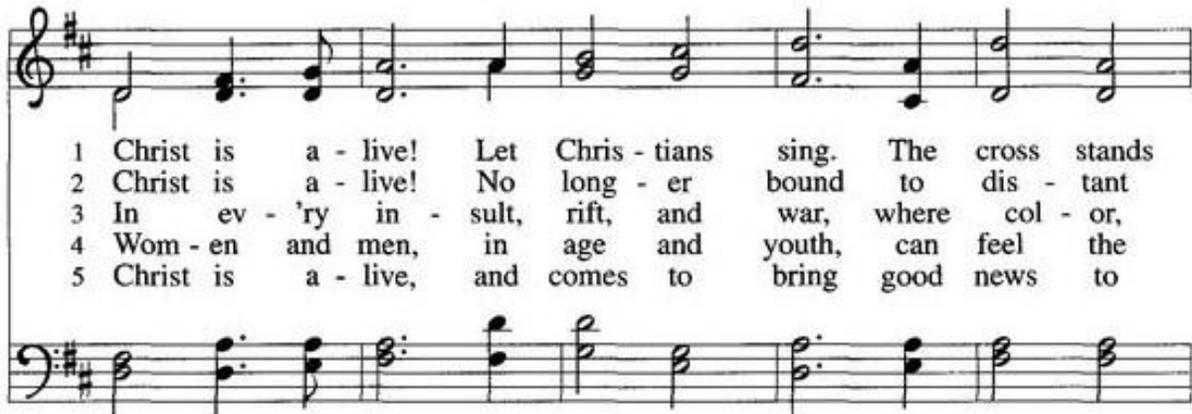
C: Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD

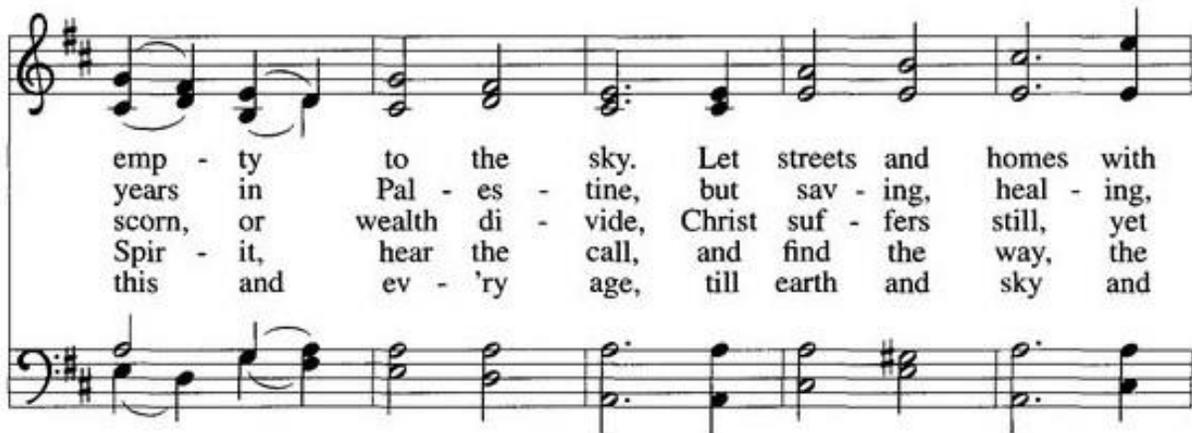
GATHERING HYMN

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"
(1-3)

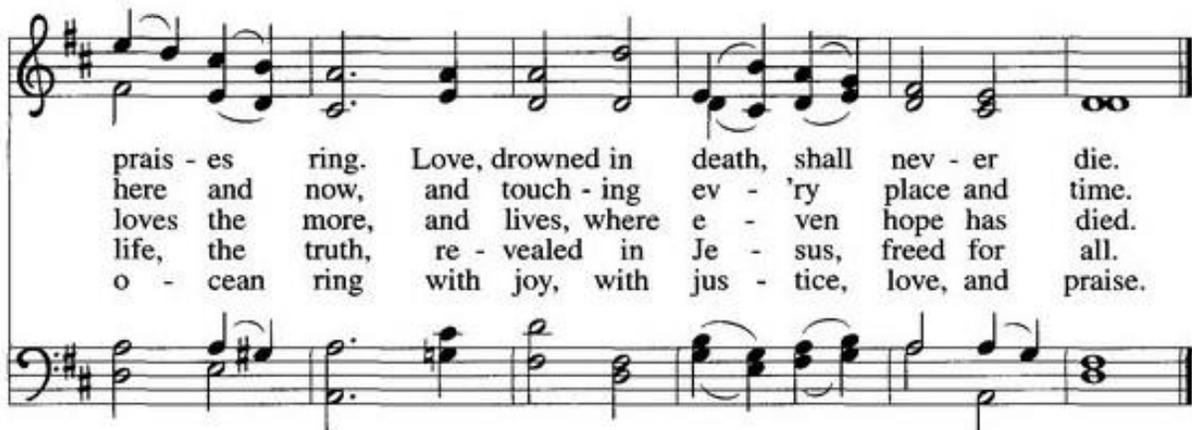
Hymnal #389



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o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

KYRIE – “Lord Have Mercy”

Assistant: (sings verses) In peace, in peace...

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Congregation sings refrain:

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,
(Refrain)
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all. Let us pray to the Lord... (Refrain repeats)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. Let us pray to the Lord... (Refrain repeats)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, — O God.

Congregation: (sings ‘Amen’)

A - - - men.

(Congregation sings refrain to begin and after each verse)

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Assistant sings verses 1-4:

1. You are God; we praise you. You are lord; we acclaim you. You are God eternal; all creation worships you.
2. All the angels in the heavens chant your praise in endless song: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might.
3. Thee apostles all praise you. All the prophets acclaim you. All the martyrs and your faithful people worship you.
4. God, Creator, we praise you. Jesus the Christ, we adore you. Spirit of the Living God, we worship you.

SALUTATION (Before the Prayer of the Day)

Presider:

Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.*

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.*

*We thank Thee, then O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts.
But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.*

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord, O, thank the Lord for all His love.
I really want to thank You, Lord, I want to thank you Lord,
Thank You for all of your love. Oh thank You Lord!*

GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God’s plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16: 8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ²² "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

1st Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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GOSPEL VERSE

“Alleluia ”

Red Folder Pg. 15

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
 go? — You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life: Al - le - lu - ia! —

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ 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." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... **Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"The Peace We Need"

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

MOMENT TO REFLECT (*We pause in silence.*)

WE RESPOND

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME

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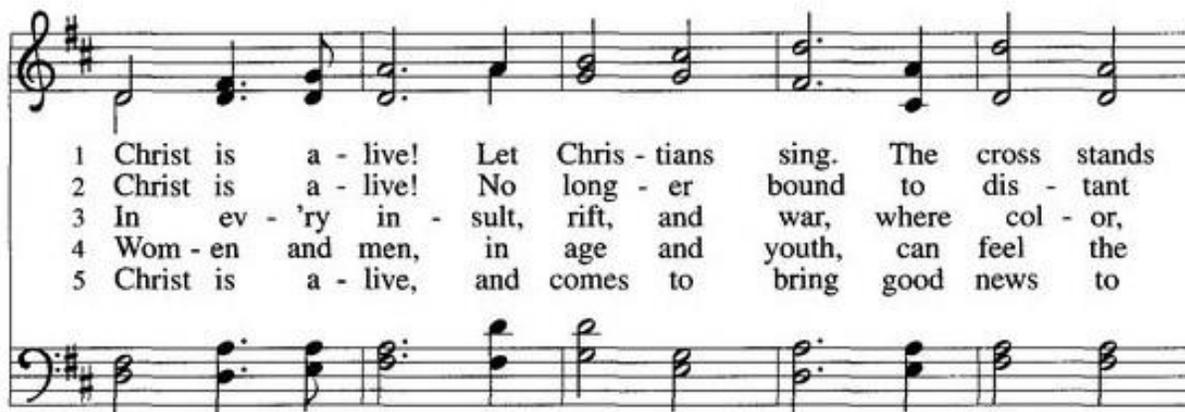
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER (unison) **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 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**

BENEDICTION

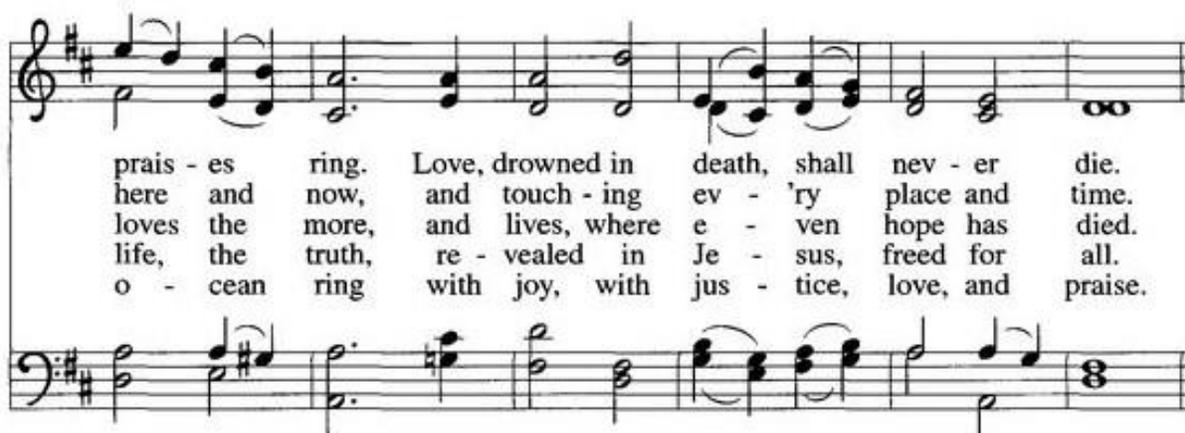
P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**



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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

SENDING MUSIC

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

WEEKLY INFORMATION

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| <i>Sunday, April 19th Second Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30am Worship (Online) 10:30am Fellowship (Online) | <i>Thursday, April 23rd</i> |
| <i>Monday, April 20th</i> | <i>Friday, April 24th</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, April 21st</i> | <i>Saturday, April 25th</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, April 22nd</i> 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel | <i>Sunday, April 26th Third Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30am Worship (Online) 10:30am Fellowship (Online) |
| PRISM: FoodShare month has been extended through April! April's Mission Offering is designated to Lutheran Social Services. | |

HOLY NATIVITY INFORMATION...

Worship information: Worship will continue to be on-line through at least the first Sunday in May. This coincides with the Governor's guidance and our Bishop's recommendation. You can find us live on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/holynativitynewhope/>.

Zoom Fellowship Time is back! Zoom is an easy-to-use video conferencing platform that will enable us to see and chat with each other after church. Join us from 10:30-11:30am this Sunday, April 19th for our second fellowship time! Grab your coffee and be a part of it! Click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95239814817?pwd=UC9yZDVMYW94MGZYSDBzL1hvUHM3QT09>

Your internet browser will automatically open, asking if you want to open Zoom. Allow your computer to open Zoom!

Stay in touch – If you are not on our email list, email us at office@holynativity.net to be added and receive updates and links. Also, “like” us on our [Facebook page](#), and join [our Facebook group](#) here.

We are posting information on our website here: <http://holynativity.net/>.

PRISM news: Due to urgent need, FoodShare month has been extended through April 30th! A message from PRISM: All donations (pounds of food and dollars) are added to PRISM's March Food Share Campaign hosted by GMCC - Greater Minneapolis Community Connections. Our totals make us eligible for us additional bonus dollars. Help us raise 200,000 Dollars or Pounds!
<https://www.prismmpls.org/>.

Families! Here's this Sunday's Sunday School lesson! Our Sunday School director Kristen Chamberlain has provided you with the Sunday School lesson for this Sunday, April 19th! The theme is "Doubting Thomas" and there is a family page and activity sheets to download! Watch her video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkmKJsPI3c>. Print the materials here: <http://holynativity.net/2020/04/sunday-school-lesson-april-19th-doubting-thomas/>

Watch videos from our staff on our YouTube channel! Pastor Ashley shares encouragement and Kristen Chamberlain has some Sunday School lessons! Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv9wMRQxiXSf0jwX-EamLBw>

Flat Jesus is back! We're bringing Flat Jesus back for our quarantine time! (You can call him Quarantine Jesus if you want!). Print him out, color him, and then take pictures of what he's doing: helping with school work, taking a walk, cleaning the counters—whatever! Then, upload your pictures to the Holy Nativity Facebook Group so we can see what Jesus—and you!—are up to in this time. Print him out here: <http://holynativity.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/flat-jesus.png>.

Thank you for your continued financial support! Now that in-person worship is suspended, technology is a big way we stay connected, and is a big part of how you can support Holy Nativity. Fortunately, there are many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity from home or wherever you are!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online via our link.** (There are small fees – you can choose to pay them or Holy Nativity pays them)
3. **Sign up for Simply Giving** for amounts to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. Print, fill out and send in this form. (There are no fees)

Capital Campaign Update! Special Note!! The Foundation for Mission capital campaign officially ends May 31, 2020! This campaign has been a great success. Renovation plans are being finalized and if all goes well, much of the work should be completed in June 2020. Please make your final contributions by May 31, 2020. Thanks for helping Holy Nativity secure a firm Foundation for Mission!

Today's cantor: James Vair
Today's scripture reader: Kristen Chamberlain

If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or office@holynativity.net.