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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## Prelude

Matins

Healey Willan

## The Word of God

### Entrance Hymn

*Please stand.*

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

### Hymnal 174

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Jesus lives! thy terrors now*

## Hymnal 194

## The 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.**

## First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

*Please be seated.*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

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.**

## Psalm 133



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- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for ever-more.

## Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

*A Reading from the First letter of John.*

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.**

## Sequence Hymn

*We walk by faith and not by sight*

**Hymnal 209**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie H. Chadwick, *Associate Rector*

### **The Beginning of the Journey to Adulthood**

#### **A Celebration and Blessing of Manhood and Womanhood**

**Brad:** Dear People of God, today, we celebrate one of God’s great gifts --- the gift of manhood and womanhood. The celebrities will now be presented.

*Teachers and celebrities stand.*

**Teachers (alternating with each person):** We present to you NN.

*Each celebrity walks up to the altar rail as his/ her name is called, facing the altar. Teachers sit after the last celebrity is presented.*

**Leslie:** By the grace of God, you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood and have grown strong. Now, as women and men, it is given to you to share in God’s power of creation. You are blessed with the ability to create new ideas, new thoughts, new hopes for the world, and indeed, even to create new life. Because we are made in God’s image, we are the only creatures on Earth who can choose how to use our creative power --- to shape the world according to God’s purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build, and not to destroy. *Are you aware of God’s gift to you, and the responsibility to use it wisely?*

**Celebrities:** I am!

**Leslie:** Let us join these young people in reading Psalm 139, with the congregation repeating the Antiphon.

**John M (lector):** Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
You discern my thoughts from afar.

If I take the wings of the morning,  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there, Your hand will lead me and Your right hand hold me fast.

**Congregation:** **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well!**

**John M (lector):** For You Yourself created my inmost parts;  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will thank You because I am marvelously made!!  
Your works are wonderful, and I know it well!

**Congregation:** **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well!**

**John M (lector):** My body was not hidden from You while I was being made in secret and  
woven in the depths of the Earth.  
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
All of them were written in Your Book; they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet, there were none of them.

**Congregation:** **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well!**

**John M (lector):** Search me out, O God, and know my heart.  
Try me, and know my restless thoughts.  
Look well, whether there be any wickedness in me, and lead me in the  
way that is everlasting.

**Congregation:** **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well!**

*All stand. Celebrities step up to the kneelers. Parents walk up to the chancel, standing behind their sons/ daughters.*

**Leslie:** When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found Him in the Temple talking with the  
elders, they realized that Jesus was no longer a child. This is such a moment. We rejoice with you as  
we recognize your sons and daughters as young men and young women. We stand with you to  
support you as they begin their journey to adulthood.

**Brad:** People of God, together, let us pray for these parents.

**Ministers and Congregation:** God of mercy and love, enfold these parents with Your grace.  
Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Teach them how to truly listen  
with a spirit of love, patience, and gentleness. Bless these parents as they watch their sons  
and daughters enter into manhood and womanhood. Strengthen and uphold them as they  
comfort their sons and daughters, remembering that they can neither walk the journey for  
them, nor shield them from pain. Carry them safely through this journey, so that one day,  
they may stand together as adults and friends. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**Leslie:** The congregation may be seated, but we ask the parents to remain standing. Parents, you  
may now pledge to your sons and daughters.

*Celebrities turn to face the parents*

**Parents (alternating by sentence):**

We now recognize your passage into manhood and womanhood.

We thank God for the gift of your lives.

As you begin to carve out the life that will be your own, we stand behind you and support you.

May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and forgive, that in our love for you, you may know the love of God.

You are holy, wonderful and blessed, and we won't look away from you.

**All Parents:** We are your parents, and we support you on this journey!

*Parents return to their seats, and may be seated.*

**Leslie:** As the living body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of faith which spans the generations, share your knowledge, experience, and love with these young people as they begin their journey into adulthood?

**Congregation:** We will, with God's help! We recognize you as young men and women of St. Timothy's Church. We stand behind you on your journey. You are formed by a loving Hand and are unique expressions of the creative power of God. God is with you! God is calling you! Explore, ask, claim, and embrace! You are holy, wonderful, and blessed, and we won't look away from you. We are your community of faith, and we support you on this journey.

*Celebrities then step down from the kneelers, and turn to face the altar.*

**Brad (to all celebrities together):** Brothers and sisters, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of manhood and womanhood. Now, you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

**Brad (to each individual celebrity as he makes the sign of the Cross on the forehead):** *N*, may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong and never-failing Friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and evermore.

**Congregation (as each celebrity is blessed): Amen!**

*After the last celebrity is blessed, celebrities then turn to face their peers in the left-hand pews. Peers stand.*

**Leslie:** Dear friends and fellow journeyers, as these young people move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. They will need your advice, your encouragement, and your acceptance. Will you be there for them and be their friends, knowing that there will be times when your support means more to them than any other?

**J2Aers and other Rite 13s (alternating by sentence):**

We will, with God’s help!

We will support you in the ways that we are able, and we offer you our friendship.

You are holy, wonderful, and blessed, and we won’t look away from you.

We are your peers, and we support you on this journey.

**J2Aers and other Rite 13s (in unison):** We welcome you! Come join us!

*Celebrities go to the left-hand pews to sit with their peers for the rest of the service. Then, all stand for the Peace.*

**Brad (after celebrities have joined their peers in the left-hand pews):** As one Church together, may the peace of the Lord be always with you!

**Congregation:** And also with you!

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*Celebrant* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

**Offertory Anthem**

*Magdalene, Cease from Sobs and Sighs*

Peter Hurford

**Presentation Hymn**

*How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone*

**Hymnal 242**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising

to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

## Hymnal S 128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **Fraction Anthem**

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

**WLP 877**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion Hymns**

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

**Hymnal 490**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Blessing

### Recessional

*Please stand.*

*Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

**Hymnal 212**

### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

### Postlude

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds

J.S. Bach

