

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021



Welcome
Regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor,
we hope you will enjoy our fellowship!

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Music Notes 🎵

We'll hear a short organ introduction and David Oliver singing the *Vidi Aquam* which is one of our Eastertide songs each year. These are ancient words, from Ezekiel 47.1 and have been sung to this chant for more than a thousand years. I have paired 3 artistic images of Thomas to dialogue with the words and music. This is an archive recording from last year. Another archive recording is Carol McKenzie's solo singing of Eleanor Daley's choral anthem "My Master from a Garden Rose." Now that we've completed a year's worth of recordings, I plan to include some of these as they are appropriate.

The Second Sunday of Easter always includes the Gospel account of Jesus's resurrection encounter with Thomas, the disciple who had missed the first chance. Our opening Hymn is Ruth Duck's telling of that story set to the medieval chant long associated with this Sunday as well. The Hymnal 1982 version is #206.

The closing hymn (180) "He is Risen" is one of my longstanding favorites. I grew up with the tune to another text in the Lutheran Church, "Open now Thy Gates of Beauty." https://hymnary.org/text/open_now_thy_gates_of_beauty_zion

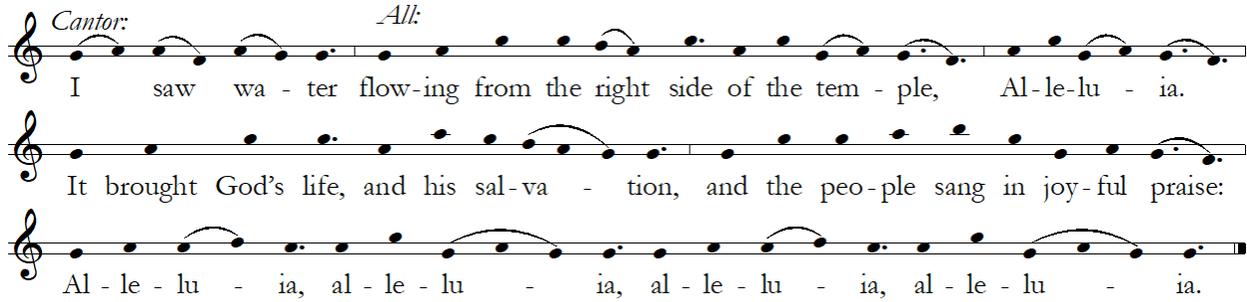
The final Voluntary is also based on this tune. The composer is Helmut Walcha. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmut_Walcha Born in Leipzig in 1907 Walcha was blinded at age 19 as a result of a smallpox vaccine. Despite his loss he studied at Leipzig Conservatory and assisted at the organ at St. Thomas, the church where Bach presided. He continued in Frankfurt at the Conservatory as organ professor in 1938 and perhaps was spared a closer walk with Nazism because of his blindness. Many of the North American organists, soon to be University and Conservatory professors of the 2nd half of the 20th century, studied with him in the post war years and so his legacy has lived on. He recorded two complete cycles of the complete works of J. S. Bach, the first in 1952 (monaural) and the second in 1971 (stereo).

This organ setting, based on Hymn 180, contains the tune in long notes in the Pedals. The top 2 voices follow along imitating each other using ascending arpeggios and traveling into some seemingly unrelated tonal centers. This is an excellent example of the normal way of introducing a hymn in continental European Protestant churches, with an extended organ (usually improvised) setting of the hymn to be sung. Many of Bach's shorter works were composed as examples of this tradition of Chorale introduction. This tradition occurs in some Lutheran churches here in the States, but is not generally common.

Have you made it this far, and are still awake? I'd be delighted if you might conjure up and write to me several musical things that were especially meaningful or memorable for you during our online worship, and why it was. And further, if you can, what you're looking forward to (musically) as we begin to move forward to the "new" normal, return to in person worship. Thank you so much.

The Easter chant *Vidi Aquam* is sung:

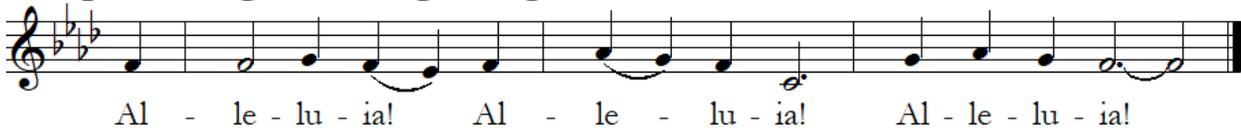
Cantor: *All:*



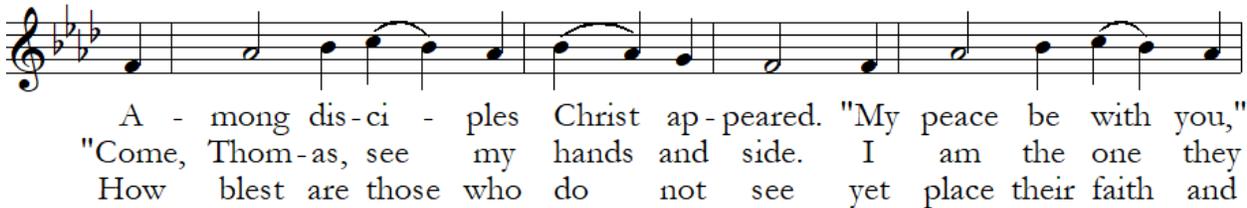
I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the right side of the tem - ple, Al - le - lu - ia.
It brought God's life, and his sal - va - tion, and the peo - ple sang in joy - ful praise:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please stand for the Hymn.

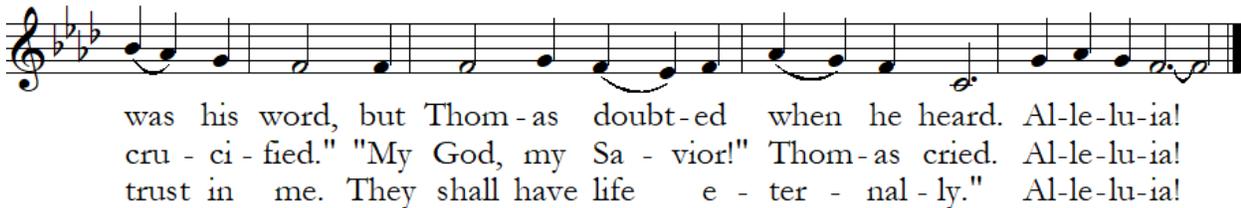
Antiphon sung at the beginning and end.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



A - mong dis - ci - ples Christ ap - peared. "My peace be with you,"
"Come, Thom - as, see my hands and side. I am the one they
How blest are those who do not see yet place their faith and



was his word, but Thom - as doubt - ed when he heard. Al - le - lu - ia!
cru - ci - fied." "My God, my Sa - vior!" Thom - as cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
trust in me. They shall have life e - ter - nal - ly." Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: French, 15 century, Mode II

All stand

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Officiant This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all
your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter — *All stand*

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Please join in singing the invitatory hymn:

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
For Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia.

2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
In Christ's new life shall be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Easter 2 Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

Sung by Carol McKenzie, David Oliver & Mark Nelson

at the mid-verse () we observe the breath, exhale & inhale (2 beat pause)*



- 1 *Oh, how* good and pleasant it / is, *
when brethren live togeth- \ er in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil up- / on 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: *
(skip reciting note) \ life for evermore.

Canticle: *Te Deum Laudamus*

Music: William Jackson (of Exeter) (1730-1803)

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.



He will come a-gain to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



the ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins



the re-sur-rect-ion of the bod-y, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A - men. A - men.

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The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Solo

My Master from a Garden Rose

Eleanor Daley
Words by Gordon Young

Sung by Carol McKenzie

My Master in a garden lay
Perfumed with spices rare,
For tender hands had laid Him there
To rest amid the roses.

'Twas on a cross they laid Him bare
And pierced His hands with nails,
That we poor man might live again
And be with Him in glory.

My Master from a garden rose
To go for us to heaven,
And He will come and take us there
To be with Him forever. Alleluia!

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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Voluntary

Prelude on *Unser Herrscher*

Helmut Walcha
 (1907-1991)

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