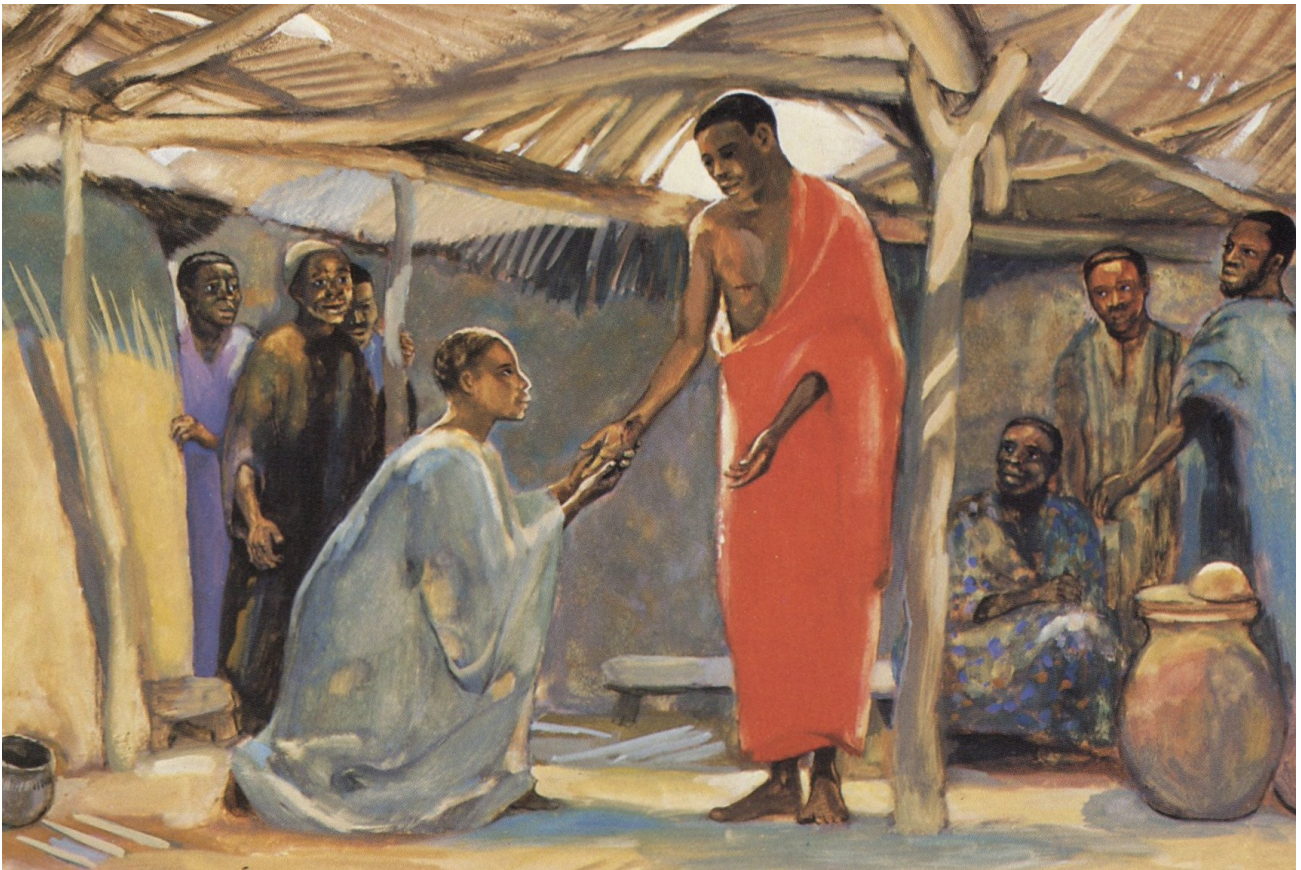




EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GENEVA

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, 7th April 2024, 10:30

A Service of Morning Prayer
Online and Gathered Service



Jesus appears to Thomas, Jesus Mafa (Cameroon)

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

Krebs

Opening Hymn

This joyful Eastertide

H.192

Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Belovèd in Christ,

Let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

**All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us
of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.**

Hear these words of scripture.

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *(John 4.24)*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

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

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Canticle Christ our Passover

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves as dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm Ě Ě

Psalm 133

- 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 evermore.

The First Lesson

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle A Song to the Lamb *(Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10,13)*

Splendor and honor and kingly power
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.

The Epistle

1 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.

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Gradual Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done

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The Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev Deacon Richard Cole

Anthem

Ain't dat good news?

Sung by Miss Jones

Profession of Faith

Deacon: Let us affirm together our faith in Jesus Christ.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Prayers

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, forever and ever. Amen.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

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.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Keep a-inchin' along

Sung by Miss Jones

Concluding collect:

Holy and ever-living God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Announcements

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Trio on Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 664

J.S. Bach

This service is taken from Enriching our Worship and the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book.

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Today's Ministers:

Minister & Preacher	The Rev. Deacon Richard Cole
Organist	Alexander Pappas
Intercessor	
Reader	
Ushers	
Video technician	Laurentiu Stehan

Announcements

Prayer List: This week, we are praying for Alice, Alphonse, Anne, Barbara Chong, Bob, Brad and Marietta, Erik, Eva, Griffiths, Julien, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Marguerite and Don, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Patricia, Philip, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Safi and his mother, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

In the Convocation Prayer Cycle, this week we pray for the Rt. Rev. Mark Edington, Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

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