



The Incredulity of Thomas
Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, 1573-1610

Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018

ALL
SAINTS
CHURCH

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PROCESSION (*Psalm of the Day - Psalm 133*) (†The congregation standing)
 Minister: . . . Let us ascend to the heavenly City in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!
 Congregation: Amen.

†Processional Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 700s

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Henry Smart, 1836

tr. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth her song be - gin;

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion - light;
 Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
 And, list - ening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 In - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, Their notes let all things blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord hath ris - en, Our Joy that hath no end.

Minister: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Minister: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

SIN OFFERING: CONFESSION

(The congregation is invited to kneel.)

Unison: 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.

Minister: Our Lord Jesus was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification; those who deny this will perish in their sins, but beloved brethren, believe this and live, therefore as a minister of the Good News of the Resurrection, I declare that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

Minister: Arise, lift up your heads and hear the good news! Christ has purchased your redemption with His own blood. Therefore, stand in His presence, knowing He was raised and ever lives!

Hallelujah! 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. Hallelujah! Christ being raised from the dead will never die again.

Congregation: Death no longer has dominion over him. Hallelujah!

Minister: So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Hallelujah!

Minister: For since by a man came death, by a man has also come the resurrection of the dead.

Congregation: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Hallelujah!

Minister: People of God now ascend before the throne of your risen Lord with praise!

†Ascension Hymn

Christ Arose

1. Low in the grave He lay— Wait - ing the
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— He tore the

6
 com - ing day—
 seal the dead— Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
 bars a - way— He a - rose,

11
 might - y triumph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the
 He a - rose!

14
 dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign.

16
 He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

Music & text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

CHRIST AROSE
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†Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Unison: 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 Lesson - Acts 4:32-35

Reader: . . . The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Chant the Psalm (Psalm 16)

Psalm 16 (Tone E)

Preserve me, / O - God,*

For in you I take / refuge.



I say to the LORD, “You / are my Lord;*

I have no good apart / from - you.”

As for the saints / in the land,*

They are the excellent ones, in whom is all / my delight.

The sorrows of those / who run after*

Another god shall / multiply;*

Their drink offerings of blood I will / not pour out*

Or take their names / on my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion / and my cup;*

You / hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in / pleasant places;*

Indeed, I have a beautiful / inheritance.

The Epistle -I John 1:1-2:2

Reader: . . . The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Chant the Psalm (Psalm 16)

I bless the LORD who gives / me counsel;*
In the night also my heart / instructs me.

I have set the LORD always / before me;*
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not / be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole / being rejoices;*
My flesh also / dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my / soul to Sheol,*
Or let your holy one / see corruption.

You make known to me the / path of life;*
In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures / forevermore.
*Praise be to the Father / and the Son**
Praise be to the / Holy Ghost!

The Gospel - Luke 24:36b-48

Reader: . . . The Gospel of Christ!

Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ!

†THE CREED (APOSTLES)

Unison: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

†Gloria Patri (p. 436 in the Cantus Christi hymnal, lifting up hands in praise, Ps. 63:4)

Sermon - *Following Jesus in Ecclesiastes (Ecc. 9:11-18)*

Rev. Burke Shade

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 - I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise, nor wealth to the discerning, nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all. 12 Moreover, man does not know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net, and birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are ensnared at an evil time when it suddenly falls on them. 13 Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it impressed me. 14 There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it, and constructed large siegeworks against it. 15 But there was found in it a poor wise man and he delivered the city by his wisdom. Yet no one remembered that poor man. 16 So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded. 17 The words of the wise heard in quietness are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

A. Wisdom understands God is in control of life, not man (11-12)

B. Wisdom understands that fearing God is better than man's strength (13- 18)

Prayers of the People

(Selected Men to Lead)

Minister: Almighty God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who upon this day did conquer death and rise from the dead,

(After each section) Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregational Response: Hear our prayers.

†*The Lord's Prayer (sung, p. 411, lifting up holy hands I Tim. 2:8)*

†**TRIBUTE OFFERING**

(We offer ourselves through tithes and offerings.)

THE PEACE OFFERING: EUCHARIST

The Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

Minister: It is very good, right, and our bounden duty . . . Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

THE SIGN OF PEACE - *The peace of Christ to you.*

Note: All Saints welcomes all baptized Christians to the Table. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Eucharist Psalms & Hymns (Cantus Christi Hymnal) - We All Believe in One True God (p. 404), Christ the Lord is Risen Today (p. 270), Thee We Adore O Hidden Savior (p. 217), Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds (p. 269)

† **THE COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

† **Hymn - O Let My Name Engraven Stand** (p. 370)

Postlude

GET INVOLVED AT ALL SAINTS

- Wednesday Studies: Women's Morning Bible Study Wed. Apr. 11th at 9am at Salem Hellers Church (2555 Horseshoe Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601), childcare provided. Men's and Women's joint Bible Study - using the book by Tim Keller, *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God* at the Strawbridge home, 7 pm.
- Our next Sunday school time will be Apr. 22nd (9:15 am): elder Graham Dennis on the Gospel of Mark.
- TODAY - We will hold our monthly Heads of Households meeting. This will include voting on constitutional changes proposed in March.
- TODAY - Please join our hospitality home family if you are visiting - The Wests (Four Windolph Court, Lititz, PA 17501)
- TODAY - Rev. Burke Shade will be preaching. Pastor Shade is a retired minister in CREC, now residing in Lynchburg, VA. He served for 25 years at Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL. He has been married to his wife Ruth for almost thirty-nine years; they have eight children, five of whom are married, and nineteen grandchildren.

For benevolence needs, contact any deacon.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment? **A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.**

Q. 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God? **A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word and deed.**

Something to Learn by Heart

Morning Prayer (edited from Rev. Alexander Men, a Russian martyr)

Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help me, without distraction, in body and mind, to appear before You. Strengthen me in faith. Grant me burning love for You. Teach me to discern Your will in every event. Stop my mouth in evil and empty words, and restrain my hand from any evil deed. Should misfortune befall me today, give me strength to accept it in faith and offer it as a sacrifice to You. Make me a source of good for everyone I meet today. Accept my prayer for those who do not know You and deliver them from unbelief. I thank You for my life, for those who are near, and those who are not, for the heavens and the earth, and for Your life-giving love. Grant that this day I may remember Your presence in gratitude because of Christ's sacrifice for me; in His name, Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133 - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing — life forever.

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All Saints was founded in 1999. Our vision is to grow in love and to reach out in love because we worship the loving God of the Bible - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to renew our relationship with Him and one another in the Biblical pattern of historic Christian liturgy. In this we affirm God's promises to us and our children and are commissioned to live Christ-centered lives in the world.