

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 27, 2014

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices, as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in D Major
(BWV 532)*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Iain Quinn
(b. 1973)

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed;
come let us adore him; Alleluia.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Minister: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 120**

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

SALVE FESTA DIES

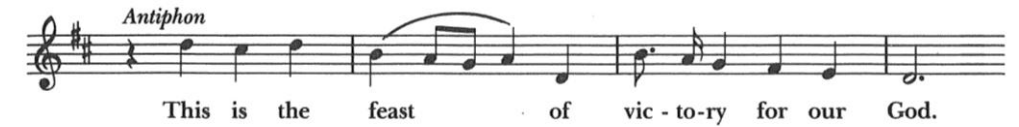
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, take from us that sin by which we declare we have no sin. Make us sorry for all the ways we have wounded one another. Keep us penitent for our neglect of the world's suffering: for the sick we have not visited, for the hungry we have not fed, for the naked we have not clothed, for the prisoners we have not set free. Especially deepen our sadness for not having loved you with our whole heart and mind and soul and strength. Have mercy on us, we pray, and give us again such trust in your victory over sin and death, that we shall dare to fight the dragons of darkness, heal the wounds, require justice and hold fast to the practices of compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EASTER CANTICLE

Choir: Antiphon



Congregation: Antiphon

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Congregation: Antiphon

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Kylie Addison Stecker
Daughter of Chad Ryan Stecker and Valerie Clare Allen Stecker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wonders and signs, of empty tombs and disciples huddled in fear; surpass the locked doors of our minds and hearts. Cast out our fears with your peace. Invite us this day to see you and to know you more clearly, that we may love and serve you; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (p. 119)

PSALTER

Psalm 16:1-8

PLAINSONG

***HYMN 399**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31 (p. 115)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN (seated)

*During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade
may process to the Strouse Building to meet for the Gathering.*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

TALLIS' CANON

SERMON

Choosing to See: Thomas and Jesus

Ms. Shelley

*"...the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'"
John 20:25a*

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: And with your spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Henry Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

Alleluia!
O sons and daughters let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.

That Easter morn at break of day
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

An Angel clad in white they see
who sat and spake unto the three:
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee'.

That night the Apostles met in fear,
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said 'My peace be on all here.'

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.

On this most holy day of days
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.

Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES:

The Fifty Days of Easter

The period from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost is the oldest part of the Church's year. It is derived directly from the fifty-day period in the Jewish calendar that begins with Passover and concludes with Pentecost, the Greek term for fifty days. The Lord's death and resurrection took place at Passover, and its completion (the empowering of the apostles by the Holy Spirit) is celebrated on Pentecost. These are the Church's original feast days, which in very early times were both moved to the Sundays following the Jewish festivals due to the early Church's intense reverence for the first day of the week as the Lord's Day, the Day of Resurrection. The early Christians considered every Sunday to be a celebration of the rising of Christ and of the coming of the Holy Spirit—a repetition of Easter and Pentecost. (This was a very strong belief of Calvin, so strong that he did away with the church's liturgical calendar because every Sunday was a celebration of Christ's resurrection. For the last twenty years, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been reclaiming many traditions of the early church as congregations more and more observe the seasons of the church calendar.) At an early date, the Great Fifty Days of Easter came to have a number of liturgical characteristics that set them apart from the remainder of the Church year. Many of those were lost in later generations, but others are still very much a part of our worship, including some that have been revived in recent years.

Alleluia

This word, derived from the Hebrew word hallelujah, means literally, "Praise to Yahweh." In Jewish worship, it is particularly characteristic of Passover. In the Seder meal, the entire group of psalms called the "Hallel Psalms" is sung (Psalms 113–118). As a result the Hallel Psalms themselves have been of particular importance in the Christian Passover, that is, Easter. As early as the time of the writing of the Book of Revelation, "hallelujah" has an important place in the Church's worship, as can be seen in the description of the worship in heaven in that book. One notices that during Eastertide "alleluia" (or "hallelujah") is used in many hymns and other parts of the service.

Reading the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

This book, with its description of the life of the early Christian community, characterized by an intense awareness of the Risen Lord's presence and the apostolic preaching of the resurrection, has an important place in the Church's Easter services. The Acts of the Apostles furnishes one of the readings every Sunday during the Great Fifty Days.

Easter Canticle

During Eastertide, we will replace the Kyrie eleison ("Lord, have mercy") and Gloria with a festive canticle, "This is the Feast of Victory." Written especially for this purpose for the 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, this canticle has been included in more than 20 worship books and hymnals of many denominations (Presbyterian Hymnal #594).

OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED AND ORDAINED:

To be installed as elders in the Class of 2017:

Mark Bernstein
Robert Greer
Doreen Jones
Anna McClafferty
Laurie Menyo

To be ordained and installed as elders in the Class of 2017:

Kristin Lawton
Matthew Ward
Ali Watson

To be installed as deacons in the Class of 2017:

Susan Brunell
Susan Cobb
Deborah Evans
Barbara Frazier
Ronald Iredale
Page Pendse
Sharyn Walker

To be ordained and installed as a deacon in the Class of 2017:

Beth Wrigley

To be installed as a deacon in the Class of 2016:

Janet Cross