

The First Sunday After Easter Day Sunday, April 19, 2020



The Incredulity of St Thomas *unknown*, c. 1190-1200. *Getty Museum*

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa de Angelis

INTROIT: Psalm 81.1-4

- 1 O SING merrily unto God our strength; / make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, / the merry harp with the lute.
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, / at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this was made a statute for Israel, / and a law of the God of Jacob.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; / As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O SING merrily unto God our strength; / make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

KYRIE ELEISON

The cantor sings

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us. Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

Cantors: and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

V / The Lord be with you; R / *And with thy spirit.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ Collect of Easter Octave

FIRST READING: Acts 2.14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

The word of the Lord R / *Thanks be to God*

PSALM 16 - Conserva me, Domine

- 1 PRESERVE me, O God, / for in thee have I put my trust.
- 2 1 have said unto the LORD, 'Thou art my God: / I have no good apart from thee.'
- 3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, / and upon such as excel in virtue.
- 4 But they that run after another god / shall have great trouble.
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, / neither make mention of their names within my lips.
- 6 The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: / thou shalt maintain my lot.
- 7 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: / yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 8 I WILL thank the LORD for giving me counsel; / my heart also instructeth me in the night-season.
- 9 I have set the LORD always before me; / for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; / my flesh also shall dwell in safety.
- 11 For why? thou wilt not leave my soul to hell; / neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.
- 12 Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, / and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord R / *Thanks be to God*

SEQUENCE HYMN 162 – O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 1 O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
 - O'er death to-day rose triumphing.
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To see the tomb where Jesus lay.
- 3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sat, and spake into the three, 'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.'
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Amidst them came their Lord most dear,

And said, 'My peace be on all here.'

5 When Thomas first the tiding heard, How they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word.

- 6 'My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, my feet, I show to thee; Not faithless, but believing be.'
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; 'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 - And yet whose faith hath constant been,

For they eternal life shall win.

- 9 On this most holy day of days, To God your hearts and voices raise In laud, and jubilee, and praise.
 - Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O FILII ET FILIAE

GOSPEL: John 20.19-31 R / *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ve retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

> The Gospel of Christ R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

Cantor: the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

HOMILY

OFFERTORY HYMN 157 - He is risen, he is risen

- He is risen, he is risen, Tell it with a joyful voice, He has burst his three days' prison, Let the whole wide earth rejoice; Death is conquered, man is free, Christ has won the victory.
- Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, With glad smile and radiant brow; Lent's long shadows have departed, All his woes are over now, And the Passion that he bore; Sin and pain can vex no more.
- 3 He is risen, he is risen; He hath opened heaven's gate; We are free from sin's dark prison, Risen to a holier state; And a brighter Easter beam On our longing eyes shall stream.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14

INTERCESSIONS

- Celebrant: Christ is present whenever two or three are gathered in his name to grant our requests. Let us therefore pray for the Church and for the world.
- Deacon: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Lord, in thy mercy R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Bless all who serve thy One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We pray especially for Andrew our bishop, Jenny the bishop for this area, Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Linda our primate, Anne our Metropolitan, and all the clergy and laity of this Holy House. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the _____; and in the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we

pray for _____

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Inspire faith in the hearts of those who doubt, turn the hearts of those who persecute thy children, and comfort those whose faith has been damaged or destroyed by our pride and sin.

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Be present with the Parish Selection Committee as they work and advise our bishop in appointing our new rector.

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Strengthen and protect doctors, nurses, medical researchers, care givers, grocery clerks, food packagers, delivery people, farmers, janitors, sanitation workers, and essential workers. Grant us a quick end to this pandemic and a renewal of our communities.

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of thy salvation. We pray for the sick including ______ and those ill with the coronavirus. Be present with those who have asked for our prayers, including ______

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: We commend to thy mercy all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; we pray for those who have died in recent days______, and on their year's mind______, and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy **R** / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

SURSUM CORDA

V / The Lord be with you;
R / And with thy spirit.
V / Lift up your hearts;
R / We lift them up unto the Lord.
V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
R / It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The cantor sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our saviour Christ hast commanded and taught us we are bold to say: Our Father

Cantor: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: We do not presume

All: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. *Amen*.

The cantor sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Silence before Act of Spiritual Communion

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesu, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, That with thy saints I may praise thee, For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.

And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING HYMN 159 – That Eastertide with joy

- 1 That Eastertide with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light, When, to their longing eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen Lord.
- 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, Where yet the glorious wounds abide; The tokens true which made it plain Their Lord indeed was risen again.
- Jesu, the King of gentleness, Do thyself our hearts possess, That we may give three all our days The tribute of our grateful praise.
- 4 O Lord of all, with us abide In this our joyful Easter-tide; From every weapon death can wield Thine own redeemed for ever shield.

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