



**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
April 11, 2021  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

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Prelude *Impromptu in D*, Walter Alcock (1861-1947)

**Sentence:** Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

**Opening Hymn (organ only)** Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, vs. 1 & 5

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

Alleluia now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who triumphant burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
alleluia, with the Son  
God the Father praising;

alleluia, yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

### The Collect

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the Book of Acts:

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 sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 133**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

## **Second Reading** 1 John 1.1 – 2.2

A Reading from the First Letter of John:

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** John 20.19-31

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection**     Rev. Shelly

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

***All***     **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of 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.

## Prayers of the People

### Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All*        **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*     **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn (organ only)** From the Falter of Breath, v. 1 & 4

From the falter of breath,  
through the silence of death,  
to the wonder that's breaking beyond,  
God has woven a way,  
unapparent by day,  
for all those of whom heaven is fond.

From today till we die,  
through all questioning why,  
to the place from which time and tide flow,  
angels tread on our dreams,  
and magnificent themes  
of heaven's promise are echoed below.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of grace,  
you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

***We praise you, O God.***

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

***We bless you, O God.***

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

***We thank you, O God.***

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. ***Amen.***

Source: "Prayers for Worship", *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006), p. 67-68.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All*       **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,**  
**the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

### **Breaking of Bread 8**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **The Communion**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

*People* I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Father,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

### **Doxology & Blessing**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
In the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God and of his Son,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you and the ones you love  
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ)** Through the Red Sea Brought at Last, vs. 1 & 3

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia!  
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia!  
Deep and wide flows the tide  
severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!  
Buried and baptized were we, alleluia!  
Earthly night brought us light,  
which is ours eternally, alleluia!

*Rev. Shelly* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *An Easter Alleluia*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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# Announcements

**Rev. Shelly away this week** – Rev. Shelly will be away from **April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**. We will not be posting a recorded service on our YouTube channel on April 18<sup>th</sup>, so we encourage you to watch the livestream from the Cathedral or another church in the Diocese that day. The livestream from St. James Cathedral can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/torontoanglican/>. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Rev. Shelly is away, please let Michelle Loftus know at [macloftus@gmail.com](mailto:macloftus@gmail.com) or 905-831-1378.

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back this Sunday at 12:30 PM on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone. Note that there will be NO coffee hour on April 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

**Wednesday Service cancelled** – There will be no Wednesday service this week. Services will resume on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

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