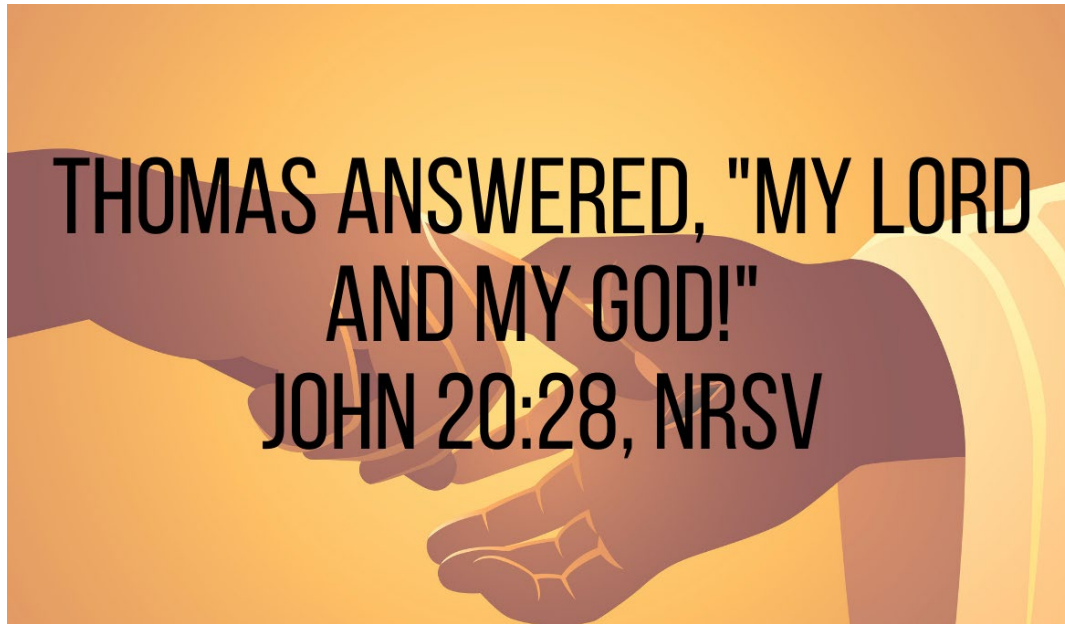


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Second Sunday of Easter



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service*

*the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

***Water may be poured into the font  
as the presiding minister continues.***

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

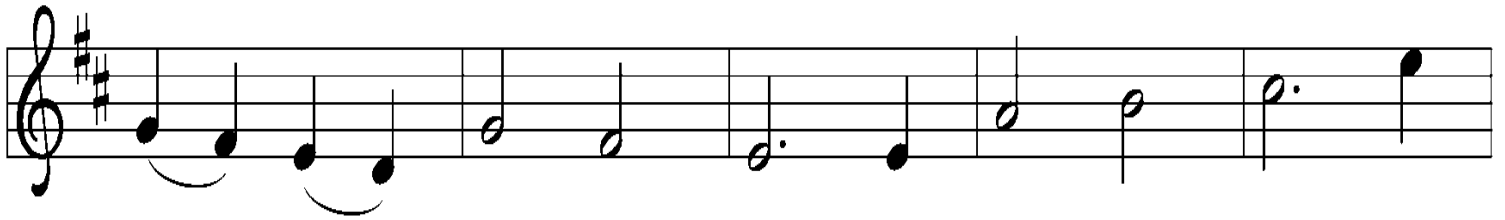
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly".

Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It starts with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by a '6' above the staff. The lyrics are: "Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er".

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It starts with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by a '10' above the staff. The lyrics are: "shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men." The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## **Call to Worship** is Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> 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."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*The first reading is from 1 Peter, the 1st chapter*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue 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 the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – Rev. Tom Frey**

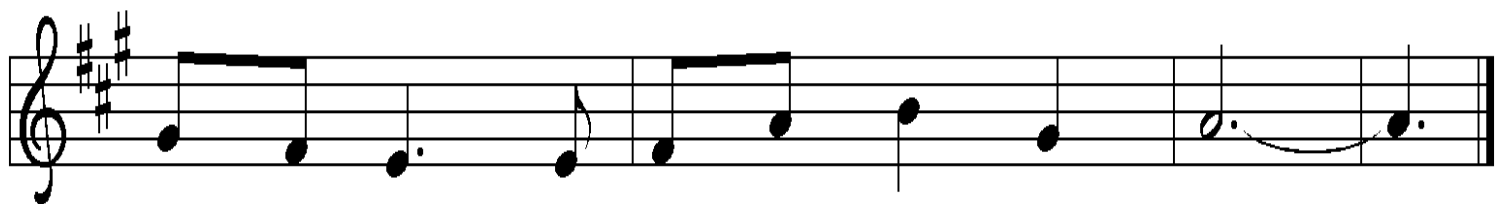
# We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with

**Receive our prayer)**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

### **Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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,**

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

**forever and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

All are welcome

## **PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**Blessing** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way,

May God go with you!

May He go before you..to show you the way;

May He go behind you...to encourage you;

Beside you...to befriend you;

Above you...to watch over you;

And within you...to give you His Peace!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God of endings and beginnings,

God in the darkness and the light,

God, our hope for the journey,

✠ bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

## "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**