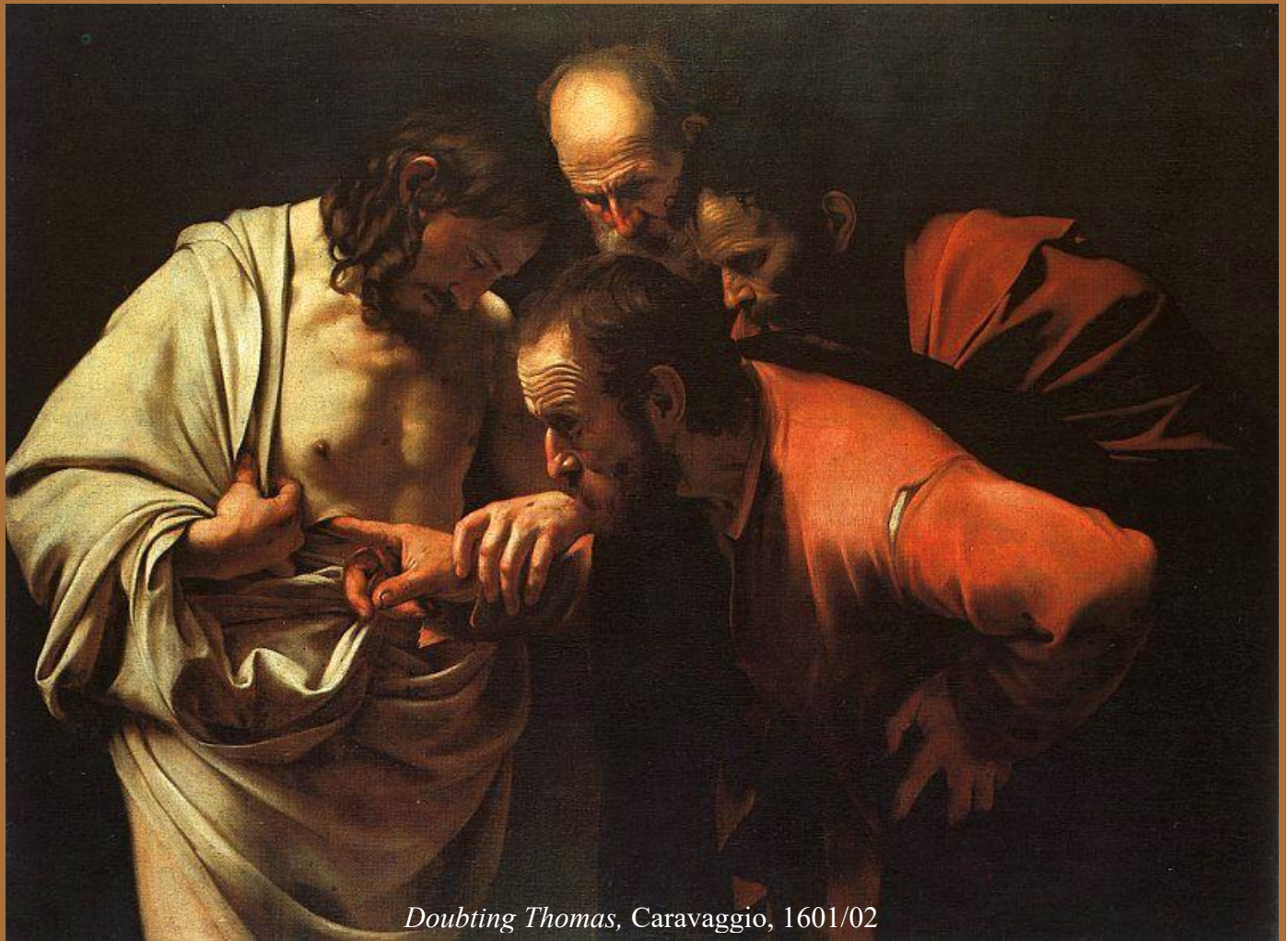


LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



Doubting Thomas, Caravaggio, 1601/02

1st Sunday after Easter, April 11, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee

William P. Rowlands; arr. Larry Sue

BELL CHOIR: MARCIE R., LANELL P., BEV C., BECKY C., JEN C. (HOLY SPIRIT/KIRKLAND & FAITH/REDMOND)

WELCOME

Synod Staff

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW #376

MARY MUNSON, PIANO & VOCAL; GRETCHEN PIGOTT, FLUTE (CAMANO LUTHERAN CHURCH)

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Wonders

Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

LAUREN GILES-ODE, VOCALS; AUGUST GILES-ODE, GUITAR (CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35 Zoe Blum (Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, Seattle)

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned to sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn’t even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, “That’s mine; you can’t have it.” They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them. And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each person’s need.

HYMN

Day of Arising

ELW #374

REV. PAUL HOFFMAN, PIANO & VOCAL (LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEATTLE)

PSALM 133

Friends at Josephine Caring Community, Stanwood

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus Never Fails

Gary Driskell; arr. Bradley Knight

CHOIR MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE SYNOD

SUNGJOON LEE, CONDUCTOR & PRODUCER, SAMMAMISH HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAMMAMISH

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2 Cristy, Ceana, Corban, Samalie & Pastor Sam Sseba
(Prince of Peace Lutheran, Seatac)

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ’s death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God’s light.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Risen Christ

Nigel Weaver/Karl Olsen

RON ROSSEL, BASS; KARL OLSEN, PIANO, VOCALS & PRODUCTION (TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FREELAND)

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Pastor Andy Yee, Assistant to the Bishop

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

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.

GOSPEL RESPONSE*How Deep How Wide*

Jason Bendickson

JASON BENDICKSON, GUITAR, PIANO, VOCALS (SALT HOUSE/KIRKLAND)

SERMON

Pastor Andy Yee, Assistant to the Bishop

HYMN OF THE DAY*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***ELW #587**

JOEL BEVINGTON, ORGAN, VOCALS, AND BELL TREE (FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. Let us pray. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

Nick, Lydia, Matthew

& Charlie Van Kley & Sunny the dog (Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church/Seattle)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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OFFERTORY*El Cielo Canta Alegría* (Heaven is Singing for Joy)**ELW#664**

REV. JOSH STROMBERG-WOJCIK & REV. ESAÚ CUEVAS (EL CAMINO DE EMAÚS/BURLINGTON)

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

Synod Staff

P Go out into the world in peace;
have good courage;
hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Alleluia. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ELW #373

JOHN S., PIANO AND LISA H., FLUTE (HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH/KIRKLAND)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Hail, Thee, Festival Day

Ralph Vaughan Williams

LUCY KAY OSBORNE, ORGAN (FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH/BOTHELL)



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PASS THE HAT FOR APRIL: UW LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

April 18 is Pass the Hat Sunday. This year we're pleased to welcome Peace member **Pastor Chelsea Globe** as our Pass the Hat partner. Pastor Globe, who was recently called to serve as Lutheran Campus Pastor at UW, will both preach the gospel and share a word about the effort with which she is involved to revitalize Campus Ministry at the University of Washington.

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CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS @ 8:45am

Our current conversation focuses on Isabel Wilkerson book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. If you'd like to join the class via ZOOM, please let Pastor Erik know and he will send you an invitation on Sunday morning.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade

And do you like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30.

YOUTH ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45. So what did happen after the Resurrection? How did the church start? Where did the disciples go? We will be exploring these ideas Sunday mornings through Kahoot games.

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