POST COMMUNION PRAYER

+BENEDICTION

P: "May our glorious God grant ..." C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN "HE IS EXALTED"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: Christ is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. ALLELUIA!C: Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!



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Second Sunday of Easter * April 11, 2021 * 9:00AM

(+ Indicates Stand if You Are Able)

The Gathering

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

+HYMN "CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA"

+SALUTATION

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The Word

FIRST READING: **1 John 1:1–2:2** After the reading...

- R: The Word of God for the people of God.
- C: Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

- P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord

Pastor offers the reading; then after the reading...

- P: The Gospel of the Lord
- C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

+ EXCHANGE OF PEACE:

- P: The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you. (Please wave to your nearest worship neighbors)

OFFERING PRAYER

(Offering baskets will not be passed around. At the conclusion of the service, please place your offering in designated baskets in the rear of the sanctuary.) P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

The Meal

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: "In the night in which he was betrayed..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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(At the invitation of the pastor, please open your communion kit and consume the host and grape juice)