

LARGE PRINT VERSION



Thomas said to Jesus: "My Lord and my God!"

John 20

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran!

Easter Sunday is past, but the Easter “season” continues for eight full weeks until the Day of Pentecost. Each week we continue to explore the impact of Jesus’ resurrection on our lives and praise him for it. We’ve all heard it said: “Seeing is believing.” St. Thomas [a.k.a. “Doubting” Thomas] lived by that creed. Seeing, however, is really the OPPOSITE of believing. Trusting something to be true WITHOUT SEEING is believing! Jesus teaches Thomas and us that important truth today. Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe!



It is a privilege to worship with you today. We pray your time spent here will prove a blessing. Please come again very soon!

OUR FACILITIES

Our restrooms are located just to the left of the tower entrance. A family restroom is also available there. The members of Faith believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If your young one needs some “time out,” we have an audio-equipped children’s room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

LISTENING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT MATERIALS



Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher at your request.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assist T-loop. If your hearing assist device is T-coil equipped you may switch to T-coil so sound can be transmitted directly to your hearing assist device.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God of peace, I turn aside from an unquiet world, seeking rest for my spirit and light for my thoughts. I bring my work to be sanctified, my wounds to be healed, my sins to be forgiven, my hopes to be renewed. In you there is perfect harmony. Draw me to yourself, and silence the discords of my wasteful life. Your greatness is beyond my highest praise. Take me out of the loneliness of self, and fill me with the fullness of your peace. Amen.



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Second Sunday of Easter

April 10-11, 2021

**Blessed Are They Who
Have...**

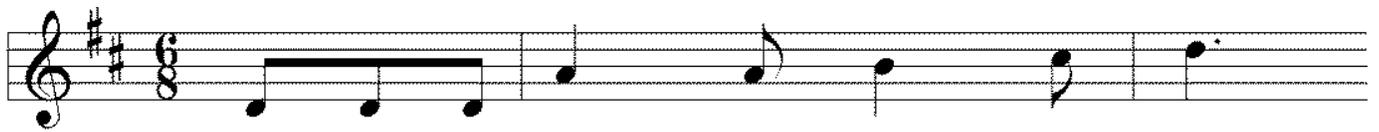
Not Seen Yet Believe!

COVID 19 ACCOMMODATIONS – Following the research and recommendations currently available Faith worship leaders are choosing to significantly reduce the total amount of singing by the

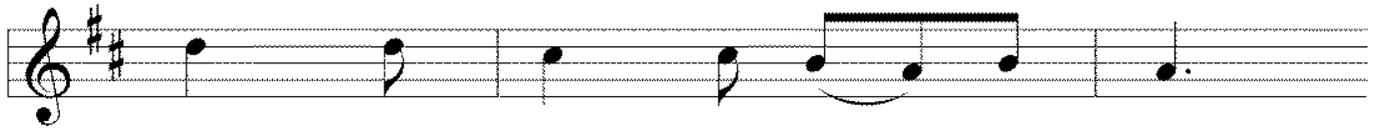
entire assembly during the course of each service and also abbreviate our time gathered together. Worship as we've known it and prefer it will return in its full vibrancy when the pandemic is over.

OPENING HYMN“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”
Christian Worship: Supplement # 722

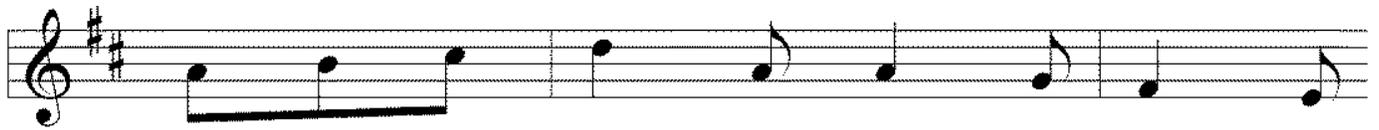
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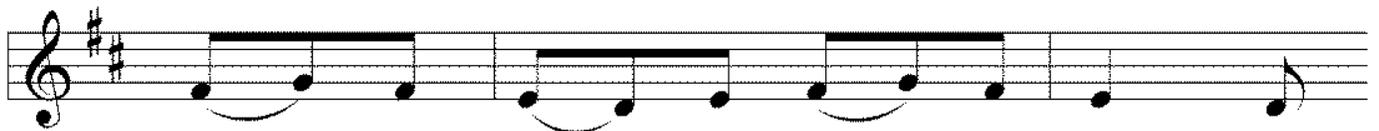
1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom;
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled!



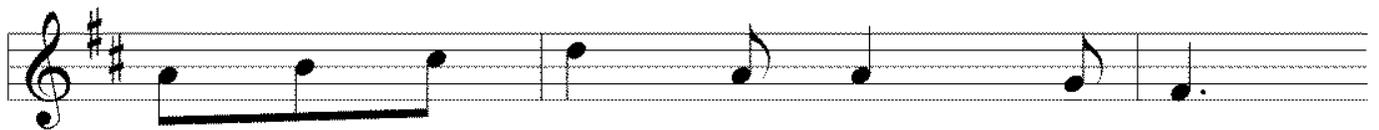
Sun, re - veal an emp - ty tomb
As the Lamb of God to die;
Trum - pets, sound through - out the world!



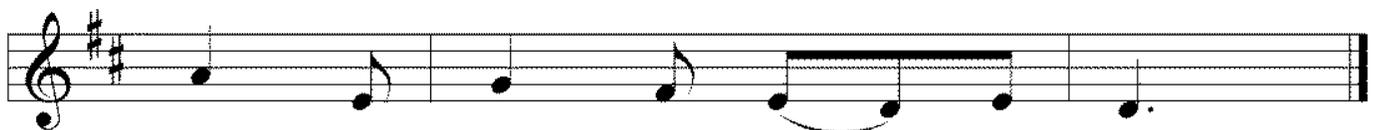
Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
Cry - ing and sighs give way to sing - ing;



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows,
Lives a - gain—our foes de - feat - ed!
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing!



Life un - e - clipped by doubt and dread:
Where is your sting, O death and grave?
Let there be - gin the ju - bi - lee—



Christ has ris - en from the dead!
Christ has shown his strength to save!
Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

Stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

Presiding Minister [M]: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation [C]: Amen.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against you

in our thoughts,

in our words,

in our deeds,

and in all that we have not done.

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us,

that we may live today and rest tonight in

peace.

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him (+) we are forgiven.

Let us rest each night in his peace until the rising of the sun when we shall serve him another day in newness of life.

C: Amen.

M O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Come, oh come, let us worship!

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Venite

L: Introduces refrain

C: Refrain

1
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

L: You are a great and a wondrous God, cupping in your hands all the depths of earth. You made the hills and the mountains high, you made the seas and the dry land.

C: Refrain

L: Come, let us worship and, bowing low, kneel before the One who has made us all. You are the God whom we call our own, we are the flock that you shepherd.

C: Refrain

Be seated

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Acts 3:12-20

Peter seizes his ability to heal a cripple as an opportunity to proclaim the risen Lord Jesus as the source of his healing power.

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

¹⁷“Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had

foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16

***Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the LORD,
in the land of the living.**

Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;*
apart from you I have no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not
be shaken.

***Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the LORD,
in the land of the living.**

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Holy Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be forever. Amen.

Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the LORD,
in the land of the living.

New Testament Epistle Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God shares in his victory, is born of God, and overcomes the world.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

St. John 20:29

C: Alleluia. Alleluia!

M: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: Alleluia!

Stand out of respect for the words and works of Christ.

GOSPEL

St. John 20:19-31

Through his resurrection appearances to his disciples, Jesus gives doubting Thomas special assurance of his victory over death.

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked,

Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**C: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!**

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Sons and Daughters of the King”
Christian Worship # 165

(words & music are printed on the next page)



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
 "My hands, my feet, my body see;
 And doubt not, but believe in me."
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been;
 In life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>9 On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia!</p> |

SERMON

based upon the Gospel
Pastor Greg Hermanson

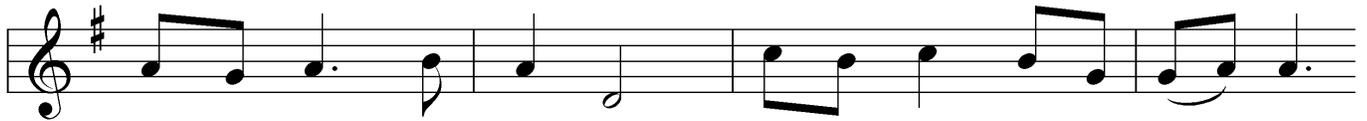
TOUCH MY BODY, RECEIVE MY PEACE

+ Receive Jesus' complete forgiveness +
++ Bestow Jesus' complete forgiveness ++

After the sermon, the congregation stands to sing:

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
 You have ris - en to free us;

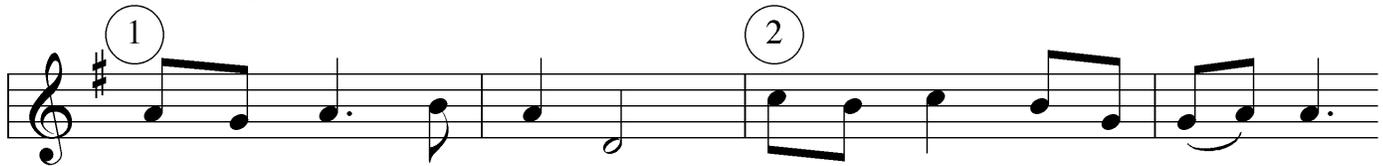


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

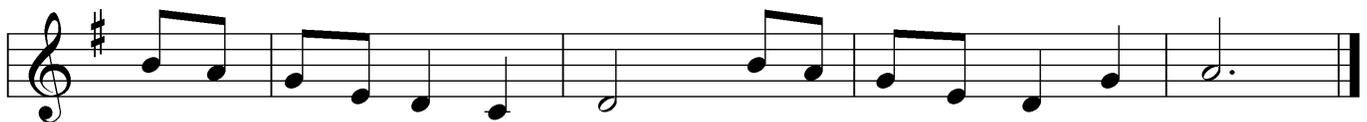
Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Be seated

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY *(a musical piece played during the gathering of the offering)* **& OFFERING PRAYER**

During the Covid crisis our preference is to gather our offerings electronically or through the mail but for those who do choose to bring offerings with them to worship there is a large offering basket at the main worship area doors for you to drop in your offerings later as you are dismissed from worship.

If you are not a member of Faith, we do not want you to feel obligated to participate in the offering. (God desires cheerful givers - not gifts based on a sense of guilt or obligation.) We gather our offerings during worship, because the Bible teaches that giving is *an act of worship*. Most of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given in weekly worship offerings. May the Lord bless you, and may he use every one of our offerings to him as a blessing to many others.

Stand

C: Deliver us from selfish aims; True stewards we would be.

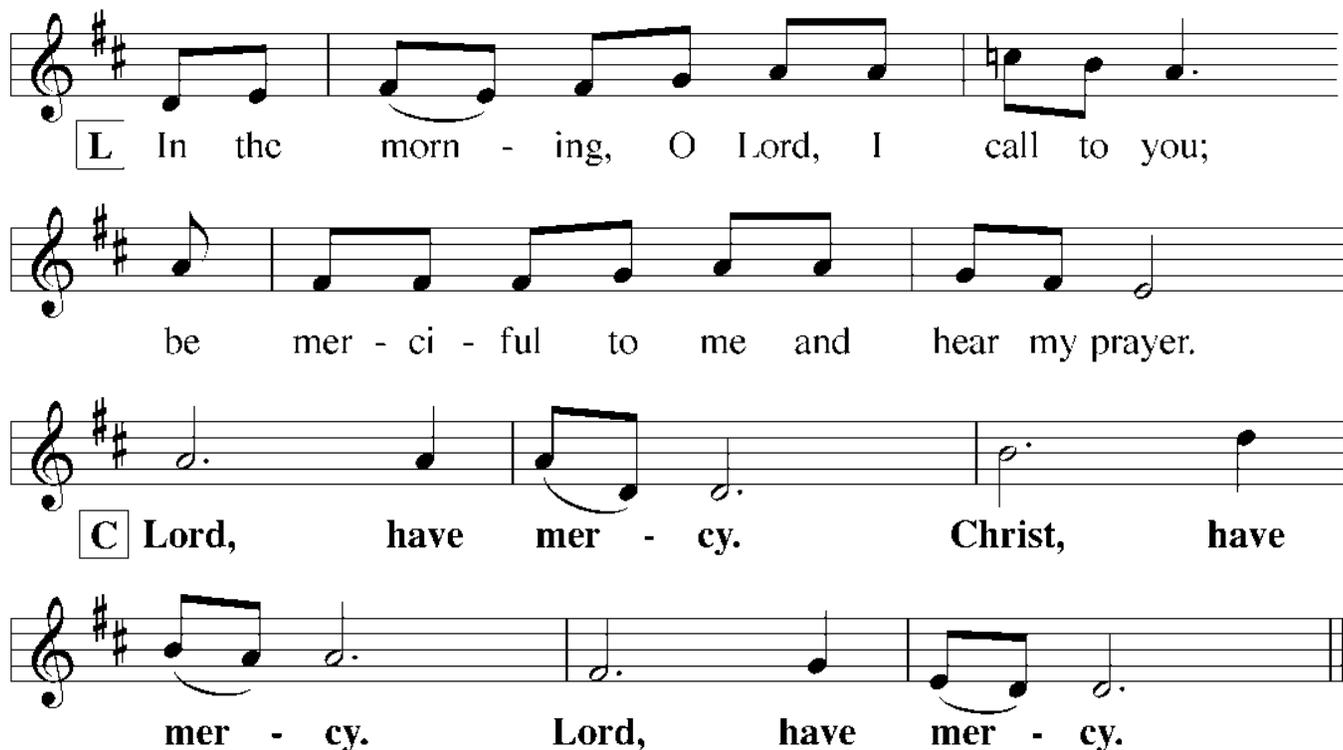
Endow us with a deep desire to live unselfishly.

A full accounting we must give and see you face to face;

Let us approach your throne with joy, supported by your grace. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY, PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Kyrie



L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Intercessory prayers (as requested) will be inserted here

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY & PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless and keep you.

C: Amen.

M The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

C: Amen.

M The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN “These Things Did Thomas Count As Real”

Tune: DUKE STREET

These things did Thomas count as real: The
warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail
twitch of flesh and bone.

The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough
to make him blind
To any unexpected act Too large for his small
world of fact.

His reasoned certainties denied That one could
live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille The markings of
the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the
risen Christ receive,
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out And
beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

If you are new to Faith and have not yet introduced yourself to one of our pastors, please feel free to do so after any worship service. If you would like to receive updates or more information, visit faithantioch.org and click on **Contact Us**.

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