

Gospel

John 20:19-31

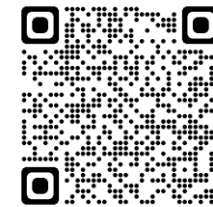
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.” ²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Remember in your prayers: Don Brice, Alexis Carr, Jeanna Culpepper, Gene Greneker, Joshua Hanson, Louise Harden, Frances Hatcher, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Mike Lassen, Mindy Meeker, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Rocky, Lucy Tomberlin, Michelle Weidman, Jacquie Wheeler, Gordon Zeese

Family of Kathleen Parsons

It is appropriate for Christ Church’s families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Please refrain from greeting your neighbor until coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you must talk with someone, please exit the nave, and speak with them outside the church proper by the Christ Church sign. If you are serving in the service, please gather outside the church by our sign. Thank you, grace and peace, Fr Hal

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn – <i>Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice</i>	Hymn 212
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 224
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>We Walk by Faith</i>	Hymn 209

The Sermon The Rev. Walter Hobgood

The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III)	BCP 387
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – please be seated	
Offertory – <i>Come My Way, My Truth, My Life</i>	Hymn 487
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D	BCP 372
Sanctus	Hymnal S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 364

Communion Hymns – <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	Hymn 490
<i>Just As I Am</i>	Hymn 693

Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
Blessing	
Hymn – <i>The Strife is O'er</i>	Hymn 208
Dismissal	BCP 366

Postlude – *Joyful, Joyful* Carol Tornquist

The Lessons

First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now 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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!
² It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,
³ Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
⁵ For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We 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— ²this 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— ³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My 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; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.