

Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME MESSAGE

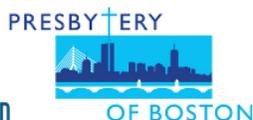
PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship in the Easter light,
All: For the shadow of death is no match for God's love.
Leader: Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:
All: "My Lord and my God!"
Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**O Christ,
you rose from the depths of suffering,
from death itself,
to breathe peace upon your disciples.
Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace.
Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love.
Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection.
Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace.
Show us your hands and your feet once more,
and teach us to be your body in the world.**

**Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.**

(stand) Moment for Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.



WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

OFFERING

For the offering today, you are invited to give through your normal channels of giving to your local congregation.

MEDITATIVE MUSIC



WE FOLLOW AFTER THE LORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the blessed hope of the resurrection,
we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:
By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . .
Keep us faithful in the fellowship of Jesus Christ,
walking in the light of his life and love,
proclaiming the good news he has revealed.
By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . .
Enable the families of the earth to live together
in harmony and justice, in unity and peace,
so that all may know your blessing of abundant life.
By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . .
Let us be of one heart and one soul in you.
Take all that we have and hold in common
and distribute it for the good of those in need.
By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . .
Be present to all who need to know you are near.
Encourage those who struggle with doubt or despair.
Breathe among us with the power of your peace.
By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world
the good news of your saving power and love,
so that all may believe and have life in you;
through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.



HYMN

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

