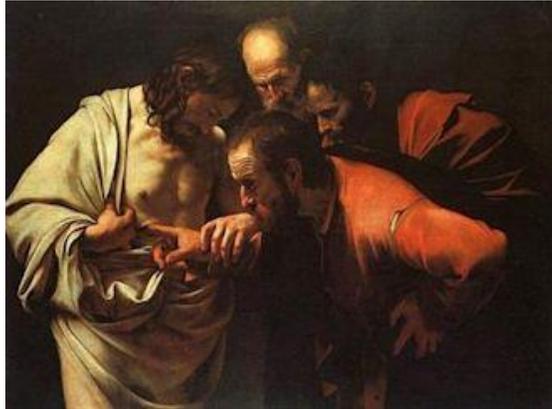


**A Service of Morning Prayer
April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter**



***The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* by Caravaggio c.1601-1602**

It is housed in the Sanssouci Picture Gallery, now a museum, in Potsdam, Germany. ([Wikipedia](#))

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*

CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,
sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;
call us still as your disciples --
loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being
prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition
nourish others while we serve.

2 Visit towns and inner cities;
penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melt our coldness,
making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured,
in our neighbour's need
until deep within our daily service
love draws forth our utmost skill.

3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation
lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service
till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow;
fill our faith with vibrant love!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
 All desires known,
 And from you no secrets are hidden.
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 That we may perfectly love you,
 And worthily magnify your holy name;
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 150 *Refrain:* God has exalted his anointed.

150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

150:2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

150:3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

150:4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

150:5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

150:6 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Acts 5:27-32

5:27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

5:30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

5:32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

1 Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia!
came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care.
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heart-felt prayer,
alleluia, alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.

4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory:
let us then our homage pay,
alleluia, alleluia!
till the dawn of endless day.

A Reading from Revelation 1:4-8

1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

1:6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 244 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

4 that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20:19-31

20:19 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."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 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."

20:26 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."

20:27 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."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 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."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton

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1 Out of love for you
 Once was veiled by darkness came to light
 For your sake I your God
 Became the man whom you betrayed

Chorus

***See my face
 See my side
 Hold my hands pierced by you
 And let me lead
 On the cross
 Love brought forth
 And the pain in my side
 Healed the pain in yours***

Bridge

Take my hand
 Rise from sleep
 Let it go
 Give me everything
 You are found
 You are free
 I live in you
 And you in me
 Take my hand
 Rise from sleep
 Let it go
 Give me everything

2 Earth is still fast asleep
 Flesh has died and love draws near
 In the dark bound by chains
 All who slumber now awake

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven.
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by the Lesley Lambert

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Lord, allow us make our supplications to You this morning as we come before You having celebrated the most wonderful resurrection of Your son. Help to make us worthy of that love which led to the cross and to live each day striving towards what is just and good, unafraid to speak up for those whose voices are unheard or ignored. Bless us and those we love and meet along our way and those for whom we pray this morning.

Let us pray today for the work of Your holy church throughout the world: The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea; The Diocese of Kootenay, the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon; St. Timothy's, Edmonton, Clare Stewart, Priest-in -Charge; Jennifer and Donald Gray, Honorary Assistants, and RJ Chambers, Parish Administrator. For the Buye Diocese, All Saints' Cathedral, Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Dean, and Alfred Uwimanihayе, Rector; Enoch First Nation.

We pray as always for our own parish home of St. Peter's and our ministry team, Heather and Alison.. We thank you for all the many services they have provided so faithfully for us over this Easter season and the pleasure and comfort these services have brought to us, including, for some of our members, the opportunity to worship in our church building on Easter Sunday. The Altar Guild worked so diligently to present our sacred space in all its welcoming beauty and we thank you for the gift of their dedication. As we gradually re-open our doors we thank you for the opportunity to visit with friends old and new and pray that all may feel welcome, safe and included.

Let us remember all in need just now both here and around the world. Our prayers are with the people of Ukraine who have endured suffering, deprivation and the brutal assault on their homeland. Be with each and every one and those who seek to offer them sanctuary. We pray for all the medical workers there, as we pray for all health care workers throughout the world and here in our city of Edmonton. Many of them are exhausted from these years of the stresses of the pandemic and we ask that You would continue to support them and grant them rest at the end of the day. As the pandemic continues to be a presence in our lives, we pray for patience and for the grace to respect one another's individual needs and concerns in whatever ways we can.

We pray for those who are addicted, afflicted in body, mind or spirit, homeless, hungry, lonely or fearful of their safety, and we pray for all those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested this morning: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois Ward, Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Lois Davis, Miranda, Iain, Diane and Bill, Maxine, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Mark and Blake, Danny and Jane and Lisa. . We also pray for those whose names are known to You alone and for those who have departed this life in the peace of God, most especially today for Earl.

As we begin a season of growth this spring and see new life coming forth, let us give thanks for this most beautiful planet Earth that we are blessed to call our home. Make us faithful stewards of the bounty bestowed upon us with the desire to preserve it in all its glory for the generations to come. For the beauty of the Earth, and for the opportunity to be a part of Your

wondrous creation, we thank You, Lord. Above all, we thank You for the gift of your precious son, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Amen.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 516 Dear Lord We Long to See Your Face

1 Dear Lord, we long to see your face,
to know you risen from the grave,
but we have missed the joy and grace
of seeing you, as others have;
yet in your company we'll wait,
and we shall see you, soon or late.

2 Dear Friend, we do not know the way,
nor clearly see the path ahead;
so often, therefore, we delay
and doubt your power to raise the dead;
yet we with you will firmly stay-
you are the truth, the life, the way.

3 We find it hard, Lord, to believe.
Long habit makes us want to prove:
to see, to touch, and thus perceive
the truth and person whom we love;
yet when in fellowship we meet,
you come yourself, each one to greet.

4 You come to us, our God, our Lord.
You do not show your hands and side,
but give, instead, your best reward
as in your promise we abide.
By faith we know and grow and wait
to see and praise you, soon or late.

The Dismissal

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.