

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

* [Acts 4:32-35](#) (*The shared life in Christian community*)

[Psalm 133](#) (*Living in unity*)

[1 John 1:1-2:2](#) (*Walking in the light: Confessing and forgiving*)

[John 20:19-31](#) (*Two appearances of the risen Jesus*)

*During Eastertide a reading from Acts is substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible

Themes: Unity, Light of God, Forgiveness, Holy Spirit, Doubt, Resurrection

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (CORONATION; DIADEM; MILES LANE)	Acts
Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS).....	Acts, Psalms
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (ST. KEVIN)	John
Crown Him with Many Crowns (DIADEMATA)	John
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (GELOBT SEI GOTT).....	Acts, 1 John, John
How Lovely and How Pleasant (WALNUT)	Psalms
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (HOUSTON)	1 John
In Christ There Is No East or West (DUKE STREET; MCKEE).....	Acts, Psalms
Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN)	1 John
O Sons and Daughters of the King (GELOBT SEI GOTT; O FILII ET FILIAE)	John
These Things Did Thomas Count as Real (KEDRON).....	John
They'll Know We Are Christians (ST. BRENDAN'S).....	Acts, Psalms
Thine Is the Glory (MACCABEUS)	Acts, John
We Are Walking in the Light of God (SIYAHAMBA)	1 John
We Belong to Jesus' Body (ONE IN CHRIST).....	Acts, Psalms
We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight (DUNLAP'S CREEK; FAITH'S JOURNEY)	1 John, John

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Alleluia Round – EActs, 1 John
William Boyce/Richard Proulx, arr.
© 1982, GIA Publications, G-6325
3-Part (Any) or SA, Organ, opt. Flute, 2 Horns, Bass

Behold, How Good – MDPsalms
Michael John Trotta
© 2014, MorningStar Music, 50-6810
SATB, a cappella

How Lovely and How Pleasant – E.....Psalms
Michael Burkhardt
© 2012, MorningStar Music, 50-5250
2-Part Mixed, Organ

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – MActs, John
SHOUT ON/Jeffery Blesch, arr.
© 2019, MorningStar Music, 50-4063
SATB, a cappella

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – M..... John
HOUSTON/Tom Trenney, arr.
© 2018, Pavane Publishing, P1597
SATB, Piano

Let In the Light – ME 1 John
Alfred V. Fedak
© 2003, Selah Publishing, 410-674
2-Part Mixed, Organ

The Lord Is Risen Indeed (Easter Hymn) – MD... John
William Billings
© 1968, Walton, W2206
Public Domain (CPDL #22281)
SATB, a cappella

O Sons and Daughters of the King – E John
O FILII ET FILIAE /Jeffery Blesch, arr.
© 2006, Concordia Publishing, 98-3857
Unison or 2-Part (Any), Piano, opt. Percussion

This Joyful Eastertide – EActs, John
VREUCHTEN/John Ferguson, arr.
© 2016, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-1399-0
2-Part Mixed (opt. SATB), Organ

Unity – MEPsalms
Glorriane B. Moone/Daniel M. Cason, arr.
© 1989, Plymouth/Colla Voce Music, 21-20107
SATB, Piano

We Know That Christ Is Raised – ME..... Acts
ENGELBERG/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 2006, H.W. Gray, GCMR 3566
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass (4), Handbells

We Walk By Faith – ME..... 1 John
Marty Haugen
© 1985, GIA Publications, G-2841
SATB, Organ, 2 C-Instruments, opt. Cello, Guitar

– YOUTH and CHILDREN –

The Journey Is Our Home – MEActs, 1 John
Allen Pote
© 1980, Hinshaw Music, HMC-446
SATB, Keyboard

Hine Ma Tov – MEPsalms
Trad. Hebrew Song/Allen Naplan, arr.
© 1995, Boosey & Hawkes, G-5894
2-Part, Piano

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Christ, mighty savior, Light of all creation
you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight
and to the night give glittering adornment,
stars in the heavens.
Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting:
mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;
with all creation choirs of stars appearing
hallow the nightfall.*

— MOZARABIC, 10th c.; Alan G. McDougall, tr.; Anne LeCroy, rev.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted 1 John 1:1-6)

We have gathered for worship this day
to declare what has long been professed by the faithful through the ages:

Our fellowship is with God the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

May all that we offer in worship testify to this truth.

**May our words and our actions,
our thoughts and our confessions
reveal this truth.**

This fellowship that we share nurtures an ever-increasing joy.

**May all that we offer in worship
bring us ever closer to the day
when our joy may be complete.**

— Anita Thompson

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MORNING PRAYER

(Adapted from Psalm 133)

God of unexpected arrivals and surprise visits:

It's not difficult for us to imagine what the disciples might have been feeling. Their hopes dashed; their lord dead (or so they thought). Like us, they are indoors, afraid to go outside. Tired, fearful, confused, and probably angry: what just happened? Did we not understand what God was doing in our lives?

And Thomas was missing. Thomas, the most faithful of the disciples according to John 11. The one who said to the rest of them, "Let us go and die with him," when he didn't (and couldn't) understand what Jesus was about to do. Would that we would be so faithful, Lord--willing to die with Jesus even when we didn't know he was the resurrection and the life.

We are huddled in homes, more than a bit confused about what to do next to serve you and love our neighbors. A surprise visit would be empowering and reassuring. Energize us, our God, to love and good works. Let our fear dissipate like the morning fog in the sunshine of your brazing love. Radicalize our spirits and embolden our initiative. For clarity in an unclear time, and for peace in unsettling days, we earnestly pray. Lord have mercy. Amen.

— Michael Usey

*Jesus, our dead and living friend,
We walk the ways of death and life
holding fear in one hand
and courage in the other.
Come find us when we are locked away.
Come enliven us.
Come bless us with your peace.
Because you are the first day of creation
and all days of creation. Amen.*

— PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA, *Daily Prayer*

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Sunday on Sunday, the bread is broken, the wine shared. The hurt is made visible, the brokenness confessed. Good people reconnect with the shock of betrayal, the scandal of violence, and declare anew their commitment to resurrection life. The Word revels in the wonder of healing and the astonishment of life impossibly reborn.

— JENNY GAFFIN, from a sermon entitled “Carion,”
in *The Bright Field: Meditations and Reflections*, Martyn Percy, ed.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As you go out from this place and into the world,
may the way you live proclaim the message that you have heard:

God is light.

In Him there is no darkness.

No darkness at all.

Walk in the light.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

— AT

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