



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

“Easter Hymn”

Meditation by Michael Bedford

Opening Hymn

“The day of resurrection!”

Hymn 210

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own “All hail!” and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ has risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel at this time (10:30 AM Service)

Children will return during The Peace

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a,22-32)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope' For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 599

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; *
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
 my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor

“I call you friends,” says the Lord, “you who are my disciples.
I make known to you all I’ve learned from my Father.”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (20:19-31)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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."

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

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation & Reflection

“What a Beautiful Name”

Hillsong Worship

*Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater.
What could separate us now?”*

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work:
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, Matt, Angela, Joanne, Winnie, and Gary, our Clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially Bob, Lanny, Al, Allison, Gayle, Kevin, Leah, Scott, Jim, Hannah, Harold, Landon, Doug, Will, Diane, Taffy, Carol, Trudy, Linda, Lilace, Laura, Tammy, Angela, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Andy, Ann, Ben, Beth, Bob, Brennan, Barbara, Britney, Bryan, Caitlin, Claudia, Carl, Cathleen, Charles, Charles P., Charlotte, Chris, Courtney, Dan, Daniel, Danielle, Des, Donald, Doug, Ellen, Gail, Garrett, Gerry, Ginny, Hayes, Jane, Jenny Y., Ji-bril, Jim, Jonathan, JoAnn, Kalob, Karl, Kate, Kim, Kristen, Laura, Leona, Leslie & Beau, Linda, Marilyn, Margaret, Mark, Marvin, Mary, Mary Lou, Mateo, Michael, Michelle, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Pamela, Peg, Peyton, Phyllis, Rayetta, Robert, Ron F., Ross, Russell, Ruth, Ryan, Samantha H., Samantha R., Sarah, Sherry, Sue, Taylor, Terri, Tracy, Trip, Tristen, Valerie

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, Ben, Carson, Dallas, Brian & Alexander,
Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this Life, especially or those celebrating birthdays this week: Ben W., Joanne S., Jack P., Molly P., MaryDee W., Olivia P., Lesley P., Eric S., Greg M., Shawna S., Jeannie C., Rosemary K., Jon R., and those with anniversaries; John & Pam Priest, and Bob & Linda Kean.

Leader We exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; especially Darrell DeWeese, cousin of Doug & Pat Nielsen.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Leader The flowers on the altar this week are given in memory of Bill Deverell by the Deverell family.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession *(Please kneel in body or spirit)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

1. Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
2. Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



Offertory *(8:00 AM)* "What a Beautiful Name" Hillsong Worship
(10:30 AM) "Christ Has Risen" by John Bell and William Moore

The Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is said)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(You may remain standing or kneel)

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior 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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At this time we are only offering intinction/ dipping of the bread into the wine. Please come to the altar rail and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the wine. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pew. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: Please come to the left side (as you face the front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine. The ceramic chalice is for gluten free hosts only.

Communion Hymns

“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
 to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”

Hymn 209

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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:</p> |
| <p>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!”</p> | <p>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.
 <i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> |

“Let us be bread”

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
 broken and shared, life for the world.
 Let us be wine, love freely poured.
 Let us be one in the Lord.

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“The strife is o’er, the battle done”

Hymn 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o’er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven’s high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!
5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

by Victor C. Johnson

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Big HUGE News

April 16, 9:15 AM Sunday Forum. In-person & Online

Earth Day Interdenominational Festival Chorus

April 22, 2:00 PM First United Methodist Church. Purchase Tickets Online.

Town Hall Sunday

April 23, 9:15 AM Sunday Forum. In-person & Online.

SMASH – Old Spaghetti Factory

April 28, 11:30 AM. Please RSVP.

Children & Youth Sunday

April 30, 8:00 & 10:30 Youth Preacher & Youth Council Sunday Forum 9:15 AM with Owen

Episcopal Essentials

April 30, 9:15-10:00 AM 7- weeks. Please RSVP.

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