



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thomas said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe."

People: We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

Leader: Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!

People: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

Leader: Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.

People: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

HYMN 255

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing
with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing, O Filii et Filiae

4 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name (continue with silent confession...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel:

People: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

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.

SERMON

From Warm Hand to Warm Heart

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, Alleluia No. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. [Refrain]

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. [Refrain]

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. [Refrain]

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Easter Song, arr. B. Greer

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