



Second Sunday of Easter

♪ Hymn (227) ♪

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
behold His hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
and round His piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

♪ Hymn (CAHON 20) ♪

All over the world the Spirit is moving
All over the world as the prophets said it
would be
All over the world there's a mighty
revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea

All over this land the Spirit is moving
All over His church as the prophets said it
would be
All over His church there's a mighty
revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea

All over the church the Spirit is moving
All over His church as the prophets said it
would be
All over His church there's a mighty
revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea

All over us all the Spirit is moving
All over His church as the prophets said it
would be
All over His church there's a mighty
revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea

Deep down in my heart the Spirit is
moving
Right here in this place as the prophets
said it would be
Right here in this place there's a mighty
revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea

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♪ Hymn (209) ♪

Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, He all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like Him, like Him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

♪ Chant (CAHON 943) ♪

○ - Surrexit Christus, Alleluia!
○ - Cantate Domino, Alleluia!
Christ arose, Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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♪ Hymn (595) ♪

Be Thou my vision,
○ Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom,
be Thou my true word,
be Thou ever with me,
and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father
and I Thy true heir;
be Thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.

Be Thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole armour,
be Thou my true might;
be Thou my soul's shelter,
be Thou my strong tower:
○ raise Thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance
now and always;
be Thou and Thou only
the first in my heart;
○ Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven,
Thou heaven's bright Sun,
○ grant me its joys after

victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

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♪ Hymn (216) ♪

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 God hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

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.

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

*St John of Damascus (c.675-750)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

First Reading

Acts 2.14a, 22–32

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: 22 '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— 23 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. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 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; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 29 '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. 30 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. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience
corruption.”

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that
all of us are witnesses.’

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.3–9

3 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, 4 and into an
inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven
for you, 5 who are being protected by
the power of God through faith for a
salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if
now for a little while you have had to
suffer various trials, 7 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
honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.
8 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, 9 for you are receiving the
outcome of your faith, the salvation of
your souls.

Gospel

John 20.19–end

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 After he said this,
he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they
saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them
again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.’ 22 When he
had said this, he breathed on them and
said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are
forgiven them; if you retain the sins of
any, they are retained.’

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

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.’ 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.’ 28 Thomas answered him, ‘My
Lord and my God!’ 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.’

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with
him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.