

**BRIEF ORDER FOR WORSHIP
APRIL 19, 2020
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Gathering: Call to Worship/Confession and Forgiveness [based upon Psalm 16]

Leader: We ring the bell as a call to Worship in Honor of Our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [pause]

P. Let us gather together in Worship, O God, for in You alone we take refuge.
All: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

P. I have set the LORD always before me;
All: Because the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
All: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

P. O Lord, but we regret wholeheartedly that there have been times of emptiness when we have not followed your pathways, when we tried to go it alone, without you.
All: With tears of great sorrow, with our whole hearts and souls, we repent of our sins, for all the times we went our own way.

P. Hear then the Good News:
As a Called and Ordained Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: *Alleluia* [insert]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us who haven't seen, and yet believe and have faith in You. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word [Read from your Bible at home, or see attached file]

The Readings: Acts 2:14a & 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

A reflection on Christ's Peace. [see attached file]

[OVER]

Apostles' Creed

P. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.

The Prayers of the Church for April 19, 2020. [see attached file]

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer:

P. Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!!!

Recessional Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* WOV #731