April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Maroon Hymnal 525 (Vs 1-4)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly 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,
Yet 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,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes
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.

Leader   Alleluia! Christ is risen
All       He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

“The Same Jesus” – Matt Redman
This Jesus, that carried our shame,
This Jesus, who rose from the grave,
The same Jesus we worship today,
We worship today.
Came to us, with grace and in truth;
Still with us, and still on the move,
The same Jesus, He is making us new
He is making us new,

I know that my Redeemer lives;
I know that my Redeemer lives.
He's still keeping all His promises;
The same Jesus, the same Jesus.
(Woah, woah)

He's commanding the wind and the waves;
His kingdom forever shall reign.
We know that He is coming again,
He is coming again.

Oh, He's the First and the Last, the Beginning and End;
At the sound of His cry all the world came alive.
And He formed us from dust, put His breath in our lungs;
We were made for His love, but we ran from the light.
But He wouldn't give up on His daughters and sons;
So He took up the cross, and He laid down His life.
And He did what He said when He rose from the dead,
And He's coming back again.

“What a Beautiful Name” - Hillsong
You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

    What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
    The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
    What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
    What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

    What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
    The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
    What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
    What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
    What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory.
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory.
Yours is the Name above all name.

    What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.
    The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
    What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
    What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
    What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve Ferber

The First Reading  Acts 5:29-42

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”
When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed them: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

**Holy Gospel  John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” And with that He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor
Followers of Jesus: after the crucifixion, the disciples hid because they were afraid. But Jesus appeared and offered peace, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the gift and ministry of forgiveness. Let us pause before our Lord, confessing our fears, our sins, and our reluctance to be His followers.

People
Risen Lord, thank You for coming to our locked and hidden hearts.
We confess that we have doubts and fears.
We acknowledge that we are sinful and unworthy to be in Your presence.
Forgive us all our sins and remove our fears.
Make us bold to proclaim You as Lord and Savior.

Pastor
Jesus says: “Peace be with you!” and His words to Thomas are also for us: “Stop doubting and believe.” Jesus forgave the disciples for their fears, doubting, and even their denial. He also forgives us our sins. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

People
“My Lord and my God!” We believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, and we have life by believing in You. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
OFFERING

“Resurrecting” – Elevation Worship

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now.
The Savior knelt to wash our feet;
Now at His feet we bow.

The One who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty.
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see.

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Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ, our King.

The fear that held us now gives way
To Him who is our peace.
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me.

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
In Your Name I come alive to declare Your victory.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days;
His body there would not remain.
Our God has robbed the grave.
Our God has robbed the grave.

SERMON  “Stop Doubting and Believe!”  Pastor Steve Ferber

PRAYER

BLESSING

Pastor  Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People  He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.
CLOSING SONG

“Because He Lives” - Gaither

God sent His Son - they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy they give;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross that river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!
Thanks be to God!