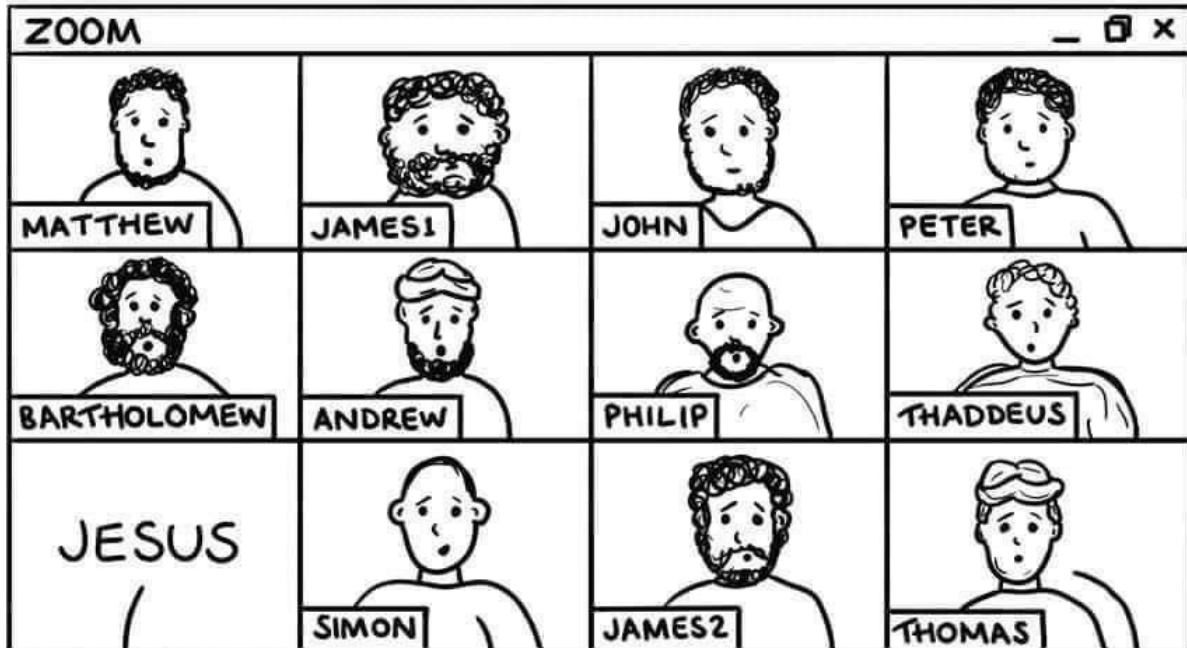


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HEY.

HOW ON EARTH IS HE IN THE MEETING?

UNLESS HE TURNS ON HIS CAMERA, I WILL NOT BELIEVE IT

Tim Wakeling

Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Service of Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter

See God

April 24, 2022

Prelude

Andante

E. Thiman

Sung: **God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!**

God's love is strong! And it never ends!

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba

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Welcome and Announcements

Bringing in the Light ~ preparing our hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads,

Many: The Christ is in our midst.

One: Inside of sanctuaries or outside of church buildings

Many: The Christ is in our midst

One: In heaven's realm or the cyber universe

Many: The Christ is in our midst.

***Hymn That Easter Day with Joy was Bright CH#229**

Words: Latin hymn (5th C.); tr. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.

Music: Trier manuscript (15th C.); adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George R. Woodward, 1904

**That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.**

**His risen flesh with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet he showed
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.**

**O Jesus, strong in gentleness,
In this our joyful Easter tide;
Your own redeemed for ever shield
From every weapon death can wield.**

Invocation

God of the visible and invisible,
We gaze upon roads ahead
Knowing that you are ahead of us.
We seek your presence when the fog is heavy
And our hearts are hurting.
In the moments of haze,
Clear the path before us.
In the moments of clarity,
Show your face to us.
Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night
As we search for your presence and call. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Choral Anthem

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Message

Rev. Nancy J. White

***Hymn**

Now the Green Blade Rises

CH#230

Words: John M.C. Crum, 1928 Music: French carol

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid the love by hatred slain,
thinking that Jesus would not wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,
who that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, the risen Christ is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Prayer of Reflection and Growth

Spirit of Serenity-

You tell us "peace be with you," but we set that peace aside to live with drama and chaos. We are drawn to highly emotional situations instead of the peace that only comes from you. How can we set aside turmoil to live within your realm of peace? When we cannot sense your holy tranquility surrounding us, open our souls to your warm and calming presence. May we embrace your peace and scatter serenity into our world. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The God who walks with us scatters the seeds of grace behind us and before us, allowing us to understand the future with healing and hope. Amen!

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Reflection on Giving

We hold many gifts in our hearts and minds. As we sense your presence surrounding us, may we discern ways to use our talents and treasures for the health of your realm.

Offertory

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Mark Sedio

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

With gratitude we pray:

Holy God, Holy Light

**Even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us.
Even in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make
your presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance
this world. May the gifts we share today and each day hereafter
create a Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.**

***Hymn**

O God of Love, O God of Peace

NCH#571

Words and Music: Henry W. Baker, 1861, alt.

Tune: HESPERUS, 1854

**O God of love, O God of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of human wrong restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

**Remember, God, your works of old,
The wonders that our people told;
Heal every malice, harm and pain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

**Whom shall we trust. O God, but you?
For you are constant, strong, and true.
None ever called on you in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

*** Benediction**

No matter the brightness of the day
Or the clear skies of night,
Our God is moving with us,
The Christ is calling to us "Peace be with you,"
And the Holy Spirit is surrounding us.
May Divine Serenity be our companion as we build the realm of God
on earth.
Amen!

Postlude

Rise Up, My Heart with Gladness

J.S. Bach

Please hold the following folks in your hearts and prayers: Art R, Dot H, Candace S, Joel, Sandra G, Vince G, Shelby D, Norm S, Marion G, Bill T, Cindy T, Terri B, Janine D, Lyn G and all others God brings to your heart.

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The 12 Apostles

Mark 3:13-19

