

THE WORD OF GOD

(Sunday Take-home Insert – Second Sunday of Easter IRCL)

Collect

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Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

**Blessed God of Holy Hope,
In you alone are we reborn:
Be the Hope that shows our minds
The many paths of Life;
Be the Hope that gladdens our hearts
And frees our tongues to rejoice;
Be the Hope that sends us forth in Christ's Spirit
To be the peace we often cannot see;
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

Hebrew Scriptures

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "People of Israel hear this: Jesus of Nazareth was sent to you with miracles, portents and signs as his credentials – which God performed through him in your midst as you well know. Jesus was delivered up by the set purpose and plan of God; you even made use of godless people to crucify and kill him. God freed him from death's bitter pangs, however, and raised him up again, for it was impossible that death could keep its hold on him. David says, 'I have set Our God ever before me; God is at my right hand, and I will not be disturbed. My heart has been glad, my tongue has rejoiced, my body will live on in hope, for you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor will you let your faithful one undergo decay. You have shown me the paths of Life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' Sisters and brothers, I can speak confidently to you about our ancestor David. He died and was buried, and his grave is with us to this day. But he was a prophet, and he knew that God had promised him with an oath that one of his descendants would sit upon his throne. So what he was foreseeing and

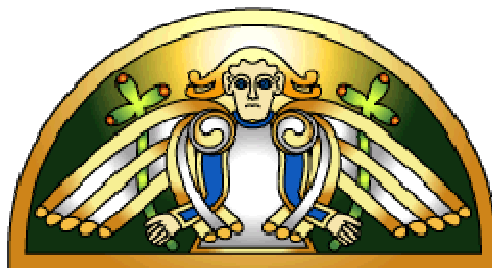
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talking about was the resurrection of the Messiah: the one not abandoned to the underworld, whose body didn't decay. God raised Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses to that."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16: You Will Show Me the Path of Life (Marty Haugen)



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Year A Second Sunday of Easter

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Praised be the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth: a birth into hope, which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days. There is cause for rejoicing here. You may, for a time, have to suffer the distress of many trials. But this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire – tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen Christ, you love Christ; and without seeing, you still believe, and you rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory, because you are achieving faith's goal – your salvation.

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Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained." It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas – nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin" – was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound." On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!" Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs as well – signs not recorded here – in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' Name.

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Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Bob Railey
Preacher:	Vince Reed
Deacon:	Pat Micklow
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Judd Spray
Second Reader:	Kay Payant
Prayers of the People:	Coralie Hambleton
Chalice Bearers:	Kai Carrigan and Larry Shell
Ushers:	Laura Petrie and Judd Spray
Server:	Faith Cole
Altar Guild:	Cathy Cole and Marcia Franz
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Marcia Franz and the Smiths
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Mary Sullivan
Children's Ministry:	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	Kai Carrigan to MGH, Marcia Franz to Hugh Kahler, and Bob Railey to Bill Mudge (Jacobetti)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday	30 th	Holy Eucharist: Second Sunday of Easter	10:30 am
Monday	31 st	Holy Eucharist: St. Joseph	5:30 pm
Tuesday	1 st	Morning Meditation	8:00 am
Wednesday	2 nd	Evening Prayer Choir Practice	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	3 rd	Morning Meditation Healing Arts Center: Nia Dance	8:00 am 5:30 pm

WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors and guests this morning. After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKLET ARRIVAL

The Forward Day by Day booklets have arrived for May, June, and July 2008. The booklet provides a daily inspirational reflection and meditation centering on one of the daily lectionary readings. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness, since they are written by different authors, who remain anonymous.

The books can be found in the black kiosk (where the altar flower sign-up sheet is located). Please pick-up a copy today! Large print available. There are still plenty available for April too.

ANNUAL REPORTS STILL AVAILABLE

Just because the Annual Meeting is done, you can still get a copy of the Report by mail, online, or available for pick-up. Please contact the Parish Administrator at 226-2912 to find out how.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Join for Holy Eucharist, St. Joseph on Monday March 31 at 5:30 pm in the Chapel.

SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS WATCH SPEAKER: FR. ROY BOURGEOIS

On Tuesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of Peter White Public Library and on Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center on the campus of NMU, Roy Bourgeois, a Roman Catholic Priest, will be speaking on the topic of the School of the Americas. This event is sponsored by the Marquette Citizens for Peace and Justice.

“Roy Bourgeois was born in Louisiana, and graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a degree in geology. After college, he served as a Naval Officer for four years – two at sea, one at a NATO station in Europe, and one in Viet Nam. He received the Purple Heart.”

He was ordained a priest with the Maryknoll Missionary Order in 1972.

“In 1990, Roy founded the School of the Americas Watch, an office that does research on the U.S. Army School of the Americas (SOA), now renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation or WHINSEC, at Fort Benning.” For more information on the events call 475-7582 or 226-3445.

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Missed a Sunday Service? Lost a copy of the Messenger? Have a desire to memorize the Annual Report? You can find this along with many other publications online at <http://www.stpmqt.org/publicat.htm>. Of course if you're not online we have copies or can print copies off for you. Just see the Parish Administrator.

