### ORDER FOR WORSHIP



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

**WELCOME** 

**PRAYER** 

**PRELUDE** 

"This is the Feast"

### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

### **GOSPEL**

John 20: 19 - 31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with

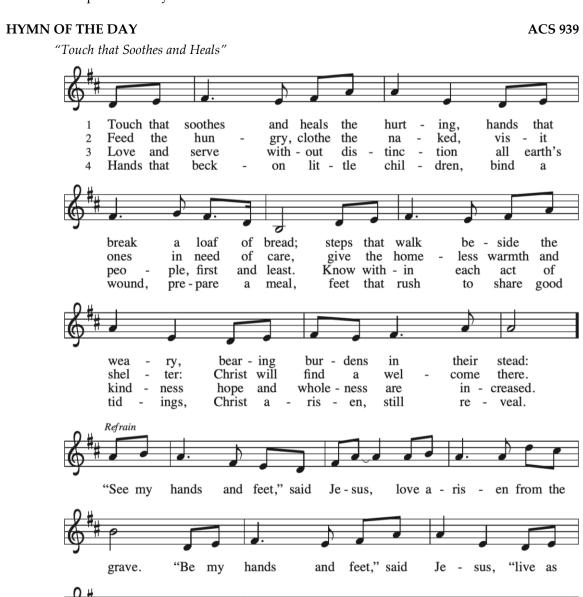


them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

### **SERMON**

Bishop Michael Pryse

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save."

to

# **THANKSGIVING**

In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** 

LORD'S PRAYER

## **SENDING**

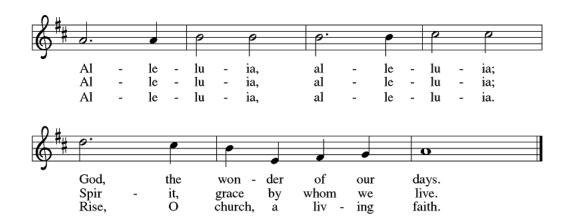
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

HYMN ELW 548 verses 1,3,4

# Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



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**BLESSING** 

**DISMISSAL** 

**SENDING** 

**POSTLUDE** 

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Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Pastor

Bishop Pryse Preacher

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director

Dave Pascoe Videographer

Pauline Klemencic and George Ivan Prayers of the People

Dallas O'Reilly The Lord's Prayer

Doris Pascoe Sending

Anne Bindernagel, Lauren Voorpostel, Additional Music

Jamie Musselwhite

Katie Clark Trumpet

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Michelle Horrigan, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

### PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.