



Sunday 23 April 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

**Processional Hymn**

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
Alleluia

2. Death's mightiest pow'rs have done  
their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
Alleluia.

3. On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
Alleluia.

4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee:  
Alleluia!

*Words: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, trans. Francis Pott*

*Tune: VICTORY, adapted from a Palestrina Gloria by W.H. Monk*

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

**New Testament Reading**    *Acts 2. 14a, 22 - 32*

## Psalm 16

The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

**The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart.

**The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure.

**The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

## New Testament Reading    1 Peter 1. 3 - 9

### Gradual Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on.

### *Chorus*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die:

### *Chorus*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance, and I still go on:

### *Chorus*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

*Words: Sydney Carter*

*Music: LORD OF THE DANCE*

**Gospel Reading**      *John 20. 19 - end*

### **Offertory Hymn**

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can no more, O death, appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia.

2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal:  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia.

3. Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluia.

4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
naught from us his love shall sever;  
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia.

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given:  
may we go where he has gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia.

*Words: Christian Gellert; Trans. Frances Cox*

*Tune: ST ALBINUS*

*During Communion the choir sings Ecce vicit Leo by Phillips.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn.**

1. Now is eternal life,  
if ris'n with Christ we stand,  
in him to life reborn,  
and held within his hand;  
no more we fear death's ancient dread,  
in Christ arisen from the dead.

2. The human mind so long  
brooded o'er life's brief span;  
was it, O God, for naught,  
for naught that life began?  
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;  
shall hope undying end in death?

3. And God, the living God,  
stooped down to share our state;  
by death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;  
who lives in him shall never die.

4. Unfathomed love divine,  
reign thou within my heart;  
from thee nor depth nor height,  
nor life nor death can part;  
my life is hid in God with thee,  
now and through all eternity.

5. Thee will I love and serve  
now in time's passing day;  
thy hand shall hold me fast  
when time is done away,  
in God's unknown eternal spheres  
to serve him through eternal years.

*Words: G. W Briggs*

*Tune: CHRISTCHURCH*