

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**April 27, 2025
Second Sunday in Easter
Morning Prayer, Pg. 235**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

We offer large print copies of the liturgy. Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

Prelude

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Office Hymn:

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” – LSB # 352

The Readings:

The First Reading: Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights. ² Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise Him, highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens. ⁵ Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for He commanded, and they were created. ⁶ He set them in position forever and ever; He gave an order that will never pass away. ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, all sea monsters

and ocean depths, ⁸ lightning and hail, snow and cloud, powerful wind that executes His command, ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, ¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, creatures that crawl and flying birds, ¹¹ kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth, ¹² young men as well as young women, old and young together. ¹³ Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for His name alone is exalted. His majesty covers heaven and earth. ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for His people, resulting in praise to all His godly ones, to the Israelites, the people close to Him. Hallelujah!

Lector: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-18

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos

on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,

“Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: In many and various ways, God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

Congregation: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Message Hymn:

“All Creatures of Our God and King” – LW # 436 (insert)

Message: “Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

Canticle Hymn:

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” – LSB # 488

Prayers: Pg. 241

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

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

Benediction Hymn:

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” – LSB # 477

Announcements:

Postlude



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