

# St. Luke's Table

## SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Have you believed, Thomas,  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have  
not seen and yet believe.

*John 20.29*



The Incredulity of Thomas,  
Duccio, di Buoninsegna, d. 1319

# Welcome and Good Morning!

A Service of the Word, for the Second Sunday of Easter,  
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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:  
O come let us worship.

Opening Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, (4 verses)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2. Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art,  
and evermore shalt be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee,  
though our sinful human gaze  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy;  
there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

## Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



Let us pray.

Living God, when our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples, he greeted them in peace and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. Breathe your Spirit upon us as we gather to welcome Christ with glad hearts and joyful voices. Meet us here, we pray; open our ears to hear you speaking and our hearts to respond with joy.

Fashion us into an Easter people,  
and send us out to proclaim  
what we have seen and heard:  
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! **Amen.**

## Praise

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**let heaven and earth rejoice.**

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us  
from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayer of Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**When our faith stands at the grave,  
grieving for a stone that's rolled away,  
forgive us.**

**When our faith is short of understanding,  
though the truth is there to see,  
forgive us.**

**When our faith, beset by doubt, sees  
no further than an empty tomb today,  
forgive us.**

**Bring to mind the cry of *Mary*,  
'I have seen the Lord!'  
and grant us faith to believe!  
Amen**



## Christ our Passover

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**Alleluia!**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
**death has no more dominion over him.**

In dying he died to sin once for all:  
**in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:  
**the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:  
**by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;**

for as in Adam all die:  
**even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

**praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound;  
**praise him with lute and harp!**

Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
**praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
**praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord!**

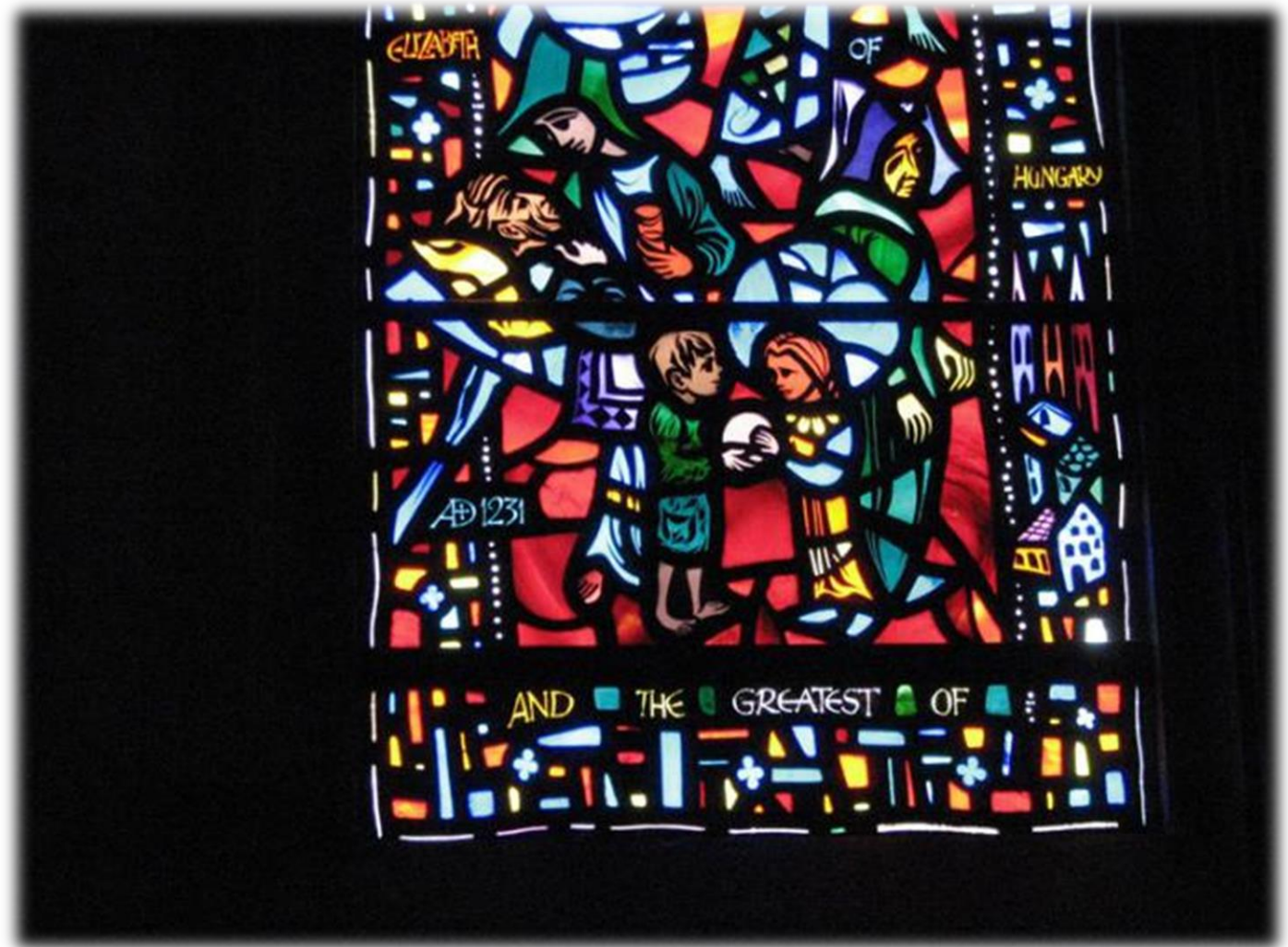
## Proclamation of the Word

Prepare our hearts, O God,  
to accept your word.

Silence in us any voices but your own,  
so that we may hear your words and also do it,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading:

Acts 4: 32-35



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Psalm 133, (alternating verses)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.

**Creator of the universe, from whom all things come,  
to whom all things return, give your people  
such unity of heart and mind,  
that all the world may grow in the life  
of your eternal kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

1 John 1: 1; 2: 2



Walk in the Light, Record number: [55796]

Gradual Hymn:

Because He Lives, (3 verses)

**God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and the joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
because He Lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.**



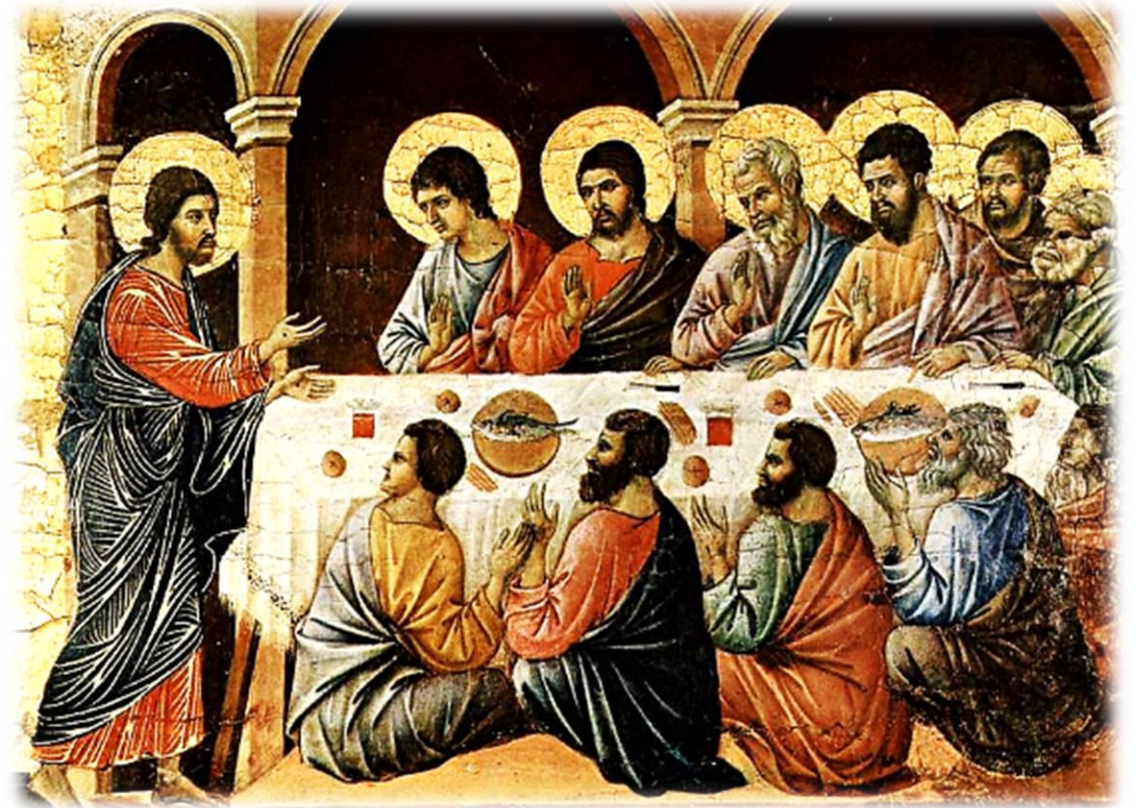
**3. And then one day, I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then, as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives**

## The Good News:

The Holy Gospel of Christ  
according to  
John 20: 19-31

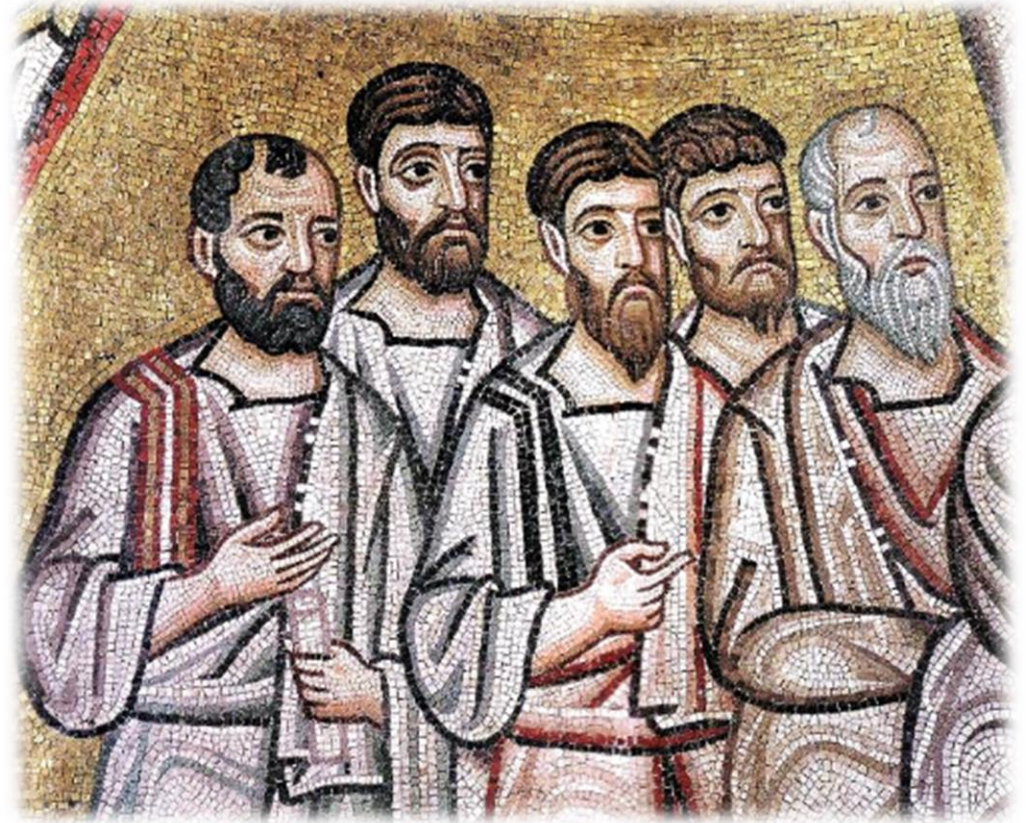
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Christ Appears to the Disciples -- Duccio, Altar of  
Duomo, Siena, Italy

# Response to God's Word

## Sermon



Disciples, detail from Doubting Thomas -- Hosios Loukas Monastery, Boeotia, Greece

## The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**



**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People



Unity in Peace  
Bernard Romain Brussels, Belgium



Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ;  
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:

Morning Has Broken, (3 verses)

**Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the word**

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass**

**3. Mine is the sunlight mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day**

## Prayer over the Gifts

**Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation.**

**Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Doxology

**Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Closing Prayer

**May the God of hope  
fill us all with joy and peace in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Seek Ye First, (2 verses)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And God's righteousness,  
And all those things  
shall be added onto you  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
**Allelu, alleluia.**

**2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
**Allelu, alleluia.**

Please maintain Social Distancing  
And Exit from Back to Front

## Sending Out

We have come from darkness and despair  
to hope and joy.

**We have been transformed by new life.**

Go forth to witness and to testify  
to the message of hope

**we have received this day.**

**Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



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