

# Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, April 19, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC

The Second Sunday of Easter



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* | Michelangelo Caravaggio

This Worship Guide is for you: for the worship of God today, for words and practices and images to sustain you through the week, for engagement with your families and communities, for hope in even the deepest places of despair.

On this Sunday after Easter, may our eyes look for new life. May our hands reach out to feel the risen Christ in our midst. And may our hearts be filled with a testimony to proclaim!

Blessings on your worship, beloved community!

## Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth on this second Sunday of Eastertide!

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### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

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### Hymn: *The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness; the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin!  
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein  
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

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### Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you -- other people in your house, your pets, your neighbors outside,  
your friends online -- and share these words:

*May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!*

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### New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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*Christ shows himself to Thomas*  
Rowan and Irene LeCompte

From the Resurrection Chapel at the  
Washington National Cathedral

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## Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

### Prayer of Confession

God has been made known to us in deeds of power,  
signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us  
even as we confess the truth about our lives.  
Let us confess our sins:

God, you have made known to us the ways of life.  
Yet, too often, we put other things above you  
and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death.  
Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,  
that we may know the fullness of your promised joy.  
We pray through the One who is risen. Amen.

### Words of Assurance from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Hear the good news:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Thanks be to God!

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## Prayers for the People & The Lord's Prayer

*As you are prompted, please respond, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our 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. Amen.

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## Affirmation of Faith

*Please join in speaking these words of our faith that affirm the seeds of new life among us!*

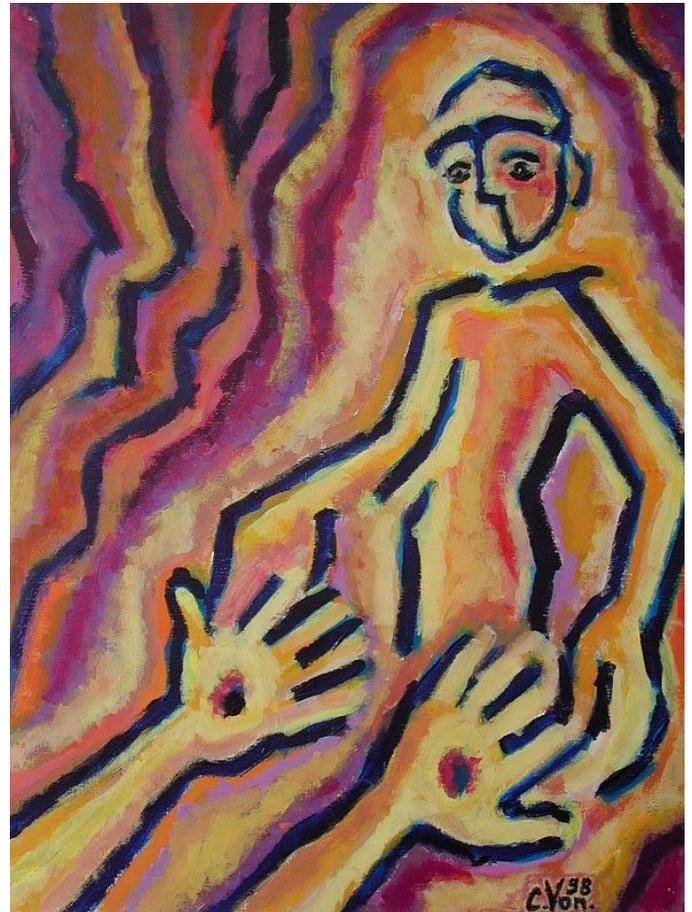
*From Liturgies for the Journey of Life, Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

We believe in God,  
who when there was nothing  
planted the seeds of life in all creation,  
green in the desert,  
blossoms in the trees  
and breath in the clay of human life.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
eternal seed of life,  
who entered the deaths of our existence,  
trod deeply into our earthiness,  
took into his body all our painfulness,  
and lifted it into the victory of love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who waters our grief with tears  
nourishes in us the buds of life,  
and tenderly cherishes our growings  
until they break forth  
into the fruits of hope and faith.

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Artwork above  
Thomas | Corinne Vonaesch

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## Seeds of New Life

*Throughout Eastertide, we celebrate stories of our members who are finding seeds of new life being planted (and even bearing fruit) around us. A powerful reminder of resurrection hope!*

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## Homily

*Testimony: Proclaiming Together*

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## Hymn: *We Walk by Faith*



We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe Him near.

We walk by faith and not by sight,  
led by God's pure and holy Light!  
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,  
and may we know Your power and might,  
as we walk by faith and not by sight.

We may not touch His hands and side,  
nor follow where He trod;  
but in His promise we rejoice,  
and cry, 'My Lord and God!'

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led by God's pure and holy Light!  
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,  
and may we know Your power and might,  
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*The Doubting Thomas* | Sadao Watanabe

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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.

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## Benediction



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