



Certain hope **FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES**

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Worship

Easter 2
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GREETING

[M] In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

M Christ is risen.

C He is risen. Indeed!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

**² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."**

**³ I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."**

**⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

**⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,**

**¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

**¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M] Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

[C] Amen. (*spoken*)

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

*Easter peace is
ours to share
through the law of
love.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

These Things Did Thomas Count (Text: Thomas Troeder Tune: Duke Street)



**These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.**

**The vision of his skeptic mind was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act too large for his small world of fact.**

**His reasoned certainties denied that one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like Braille the markings of the spear and nail.**

**May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out and beckoned Thomas from his
doubt.**

**Certain Peace
for
Uncertain Fear**

- 1. Physically**
- 2. Spiritually**
- 3. Emotionally**

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

[M] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

[C] *Amen. (spoken)*