

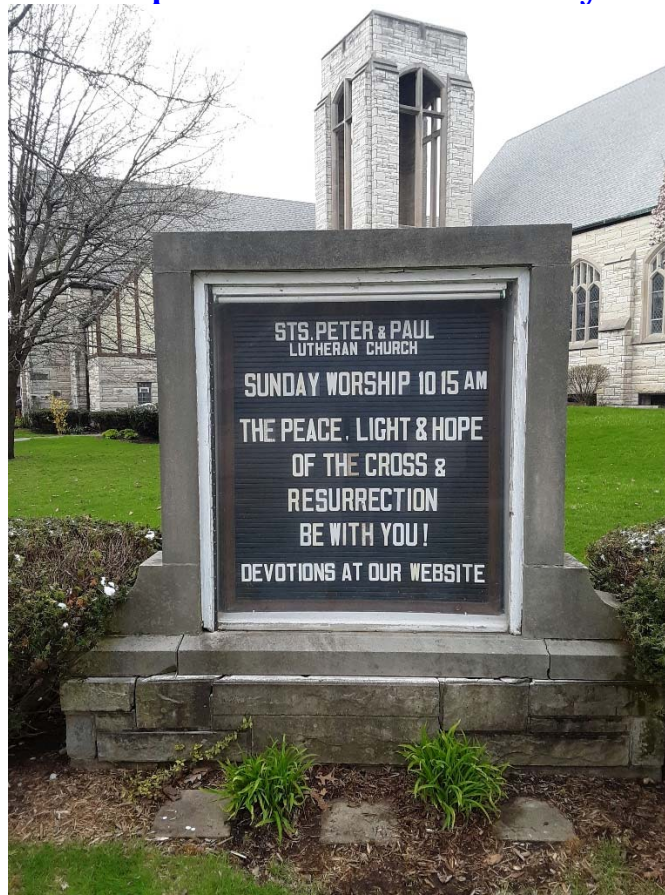
Bread for the Journey: April 16, 2020 Part 8: “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

**Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!
He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**



Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus.
Rowan LeCompte and Irene LeCompte, Washington Cathedral.

Order for House Worship on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 19th



Please Listen...

O Sons and Daughters of the King



Christ Shows Himself to Thomas

Rowan LeCompte and Irene LeCompte, Resurrection Chapel, Washington Cathedra.

[Jesus's Resurrection Appearances in the Gospel of John](#)

from the Film: [The Gospel of John \(entire film here\)](#)

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#); [Psalm 16](#); [1 Peter 1:3-9](#); and [John 20:19-31](#)

["Breathe on Me Breath of God":](#)
[A YouTube Sermon for the Second Sunday of Easter](#)
by Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor
Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Riverside

Please listen and sing!
["Breathe on Me Breath of God"](#)

*Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.*

HE *BREATHED* ON THEM?
IS THAT EVEN *SAFE*?



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IT IS... IF IT'S
THE *BREATH OF GOD*!



JOHN 20:19-31

**JESUS CAME AND STOOD AMONG THEM
(John 20:19-31)**

*Come to us, Lord Jesus,
into locked rooms of hopelessness,
move through shut doors of fearfulness,
show us your power over death,
speak to us your peace.*

*Come to us, Lord Jesus,
into our grief and loneliness,
overcome barriers of helplessness,
breathe upon us your healing Spirit,
speak to us your peace.*

*Come to us, Lord Jesus,
into our crouching defensiveness,
break through our walls of selfishness,
show us your wounds of love,
speak to us your peace.*

*Come to us, Lord Jesus,
into the caves of unforgiveness,
free us from our tombs of bitterness,
remind us of your saving mercy,
speak to us your peace.*

*Send us from here, Lord Jesus,
into our world of neediness,
the world of hate and unkindness,
send us in the name of God's love,
send us in the strength of your peace.*

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Musical Meditation on the Easter Alleluia!
[Alleluia by Eric Whitacre](#)



Peace, Be Still

by Chinese-born artist James He Qi

depicts Christ stilling the waters in bold colors that recall stained-glass window. He blends Chinese folk customs and modern western art (1998).

A very strong proof of this destruction of death and its conquest by the cross is supplied by a present fact, namely this. All the disciples of Christ despise death; they take the offensive against it and, instead of fearing it, by the sign of the cross and by faith in Christ trample on it as on something dead (St. Athanasius, fourth century).

"I will lead her into the desert, and there I will speak to her heart." Hosea 2:14



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I must keep calm and unmoved in the vicissitudes of life. I must go back into the silence of communion with God to recover this calm when it is lost even for one moment. I will accomplish more by this calmness than by all the activities of a long day. At all cost I will keep calm. I can solve nothing when I am agitated. I should keep away from things that are upsetting emotionally. I should run on an even keel and not get tipped over by emotional upsets. I should seek for things that are calm and good and true and stick to those things.

I pray that I may not argue nor contend, but merely state calmly what I believe to be true. I pray that I may keep myself in that state of calmness that comes from faith in God's purpose for the world.

Quoted from the app *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*. Find recovery resources at Hazelden.



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“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us. God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord...”
(from the opening verses of The Litany, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pages 168ff).

Please consider praying (and singing) [The Litany](#) in your homes during the evening hours.