

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
The 'S' numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Think of Us with your Love, BWV 29* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Celia Bridges, Soprano

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 192: *This Joyful Eastertide*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *Christ Our Passover*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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Gloria (8:00 am only)

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the**

Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: *Acts 5:27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150



Choir 1 **Hallelujah!**

**Praise God in his¹holy¹temple; *
praise him in the¹firmament¹of his¹power.**

ALL 2 **Praise him for his¹mighty¹acts; *
praise him¹for his¹excellent¹greatness.**

Choir 3 **Praise him with the¹blast of the¹ram's-horn; *
—¹praise him with¹lyre and¹harp.**

ALL 4 **Praise him with¹timbrel and¹dance; *
—¹praise him with¹strings and¹pipe.**

Choir 5 **Praise him with re¹sounding¹cymbals; *
praise him with¹loiid¹clanging¹cymbals.**

ALL 6 **Let everything¹that has¹breath *
praise the¹LÖRD.¹
¹Halle¹lujah!**

The Second Lesson: *Revelation 1:4-8*

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, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 209: *We Walk by Faith*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose

again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Rejoicing in the Resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people who are in need. *A brief silence* Accept, O God, our thanks and praise for raising Jesus Christ from the tomb. We thank you for the gift you offer to each of us: new life, a second chance, a fresh start.

People **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the splendor of this earth: the spring flowering of daffodils, hyacinths, and forsythia, the warmth of the sun, and the beauty which surrounds us on every side. We pray that you will give us wisdom and reverence so to enjoy and use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer our abuse of them. Help us to be good stewards of your creation. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for this community of faith in which questions, doubts, and differences of opinion are respected. So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills, that we may be dedicated to you and strive for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for Pope Francis's love for your people, especially those on the margins. May his ministry continue to inspire your church throughout the world, showing us how to proclaim the gospel in these times. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Have compassion of those who suffer from any grief or trouble, including those on our prayer list and all those whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* We pray for nurses, physicians, therapists, caregivers, and all who help provide healing and wholeness to others. May they find joy in their labors, that through their ministries your people might be strengthened and your creation glorified. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer, remembering especially Bob Oneal, who died this week; Katherine Tilley Schneider O'Rourke and Lavinia Gnau, in whose memory the flowers are given today. *Silence* Grant to them eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We will stand before you, O Lord, at the last, and we will know as we are known, and we will see what we have failed to see. Open our eyes to see and know that we stand in your presence now, that you are here before us in the needs of family, friends, and strangers alike, seeking our response of love. Grant us strength and courage to serve you in this time and place, living into the new life you have given us through the Resurrection of your Son. All this we ask in his Name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: Arisen is Our Blessed Lord Melchior Vulpus (1570-1615)
The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Children's Entrance Hymn 178: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth' are
full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the
Ho - san - na en - el
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
cie - lo.
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na en - el cie - lo.

** The "Hosanna" may be sung in English or Spanish*

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: The Day of Resurrection arr. Frances Callahan
The St. Andrew's Junior Handbell Choir

Communion Hymn 206: O Sons and Daughters

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 184: Christ the Lord is Risen Again!

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Christ ist Erstanden, BWV 627

J. S. Bach