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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

April 7, 2024 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book), found online at <https://bcponline.org>.
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the Hymnal 1982.*

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Gelobt sei Gott (Hymn #205) Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing GELOBT SEI GOTT

The liturgy continues on page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO S-278 William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PSALM 133..... Simplified Anglican chant: J.W. Meachen



- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it / is, *
when brethren live together in / unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the / head *
that runs down upon the / beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of / Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his / robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of / Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of / Zion.
- † 5 For there the LORD has ordained the / blessing: *
life for ever-/more.
- † *Sung to second half of chant.*

THE EPISTLE..... 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the

blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

HYMN 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight **ST. BOTOLPH**

THE HOLY 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.

SERMON..... **The Rev. Garrett Boyte**

THE NICENE CREED.....Prayer Book, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV.....Prayer Book, page 388

CONFESSION OF SINPrayer Book, page 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 212Awake, arise, lift up your voiceRICHMOND

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A.....Prayer Book, page 361

SANCTUS S-128..... William Mathias

FRACTION ANTHEM S-154.....David Hurd (b. 1951), *New Plainsong*

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ORGAN“I know that my Redeemer liveth” from *Messiah*.....G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,

and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

- Job 19:25-27; 1 Corinthians 15:20

HYMN 195 Jesus lives! Thy terrors nowMOWSLEY

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONPrayer Book, page 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness.....FINNIAN

ORGANToccatà on *O filii et filiae* (Hymn #206) Lynwood Farnam (1885-1930)

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday..... Holy Eucharist, Noon
Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.
Monday–SaturdayDaily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

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