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

April 12, 2026 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).

Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S) section.

ORGAN PRELUDE..... *Gelobt sei Gott* (H#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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO William Mathias (1934-1992)



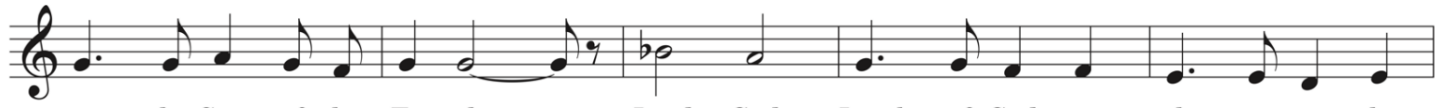
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 2:14a, 22-32

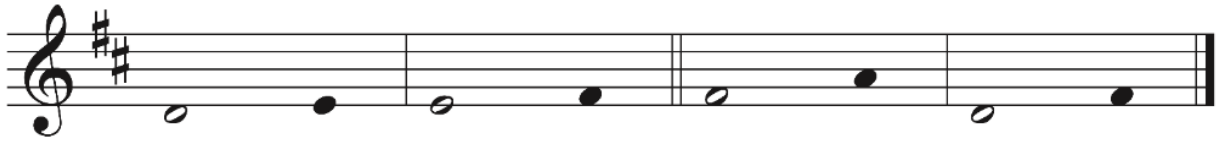
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I
have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God
did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite
plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised
him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says
concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his
tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he
would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,
saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."



One measure of music is sung per half-verse, changing pitch at the slash mark.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take / refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all / other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the / land, *
upon those who are noble among the / people.
- 3 But those who run after other / gods *
shall have their troubles / multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not / offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my / lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my / cup; *
it is you who uphold my / lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant / land; *
indeed, I have a goodly / heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me / counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after / night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always be-/fore me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not / fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re-/joices; *
my body also shall rest in / hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the / grave, *
nor let your holy one see the / Pit.
- † 11 You will show me the path of / life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for ever-/more.

† *Second half of chant*

THE EPISTLE..... 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

HYMN 195 Jesus lives! thy terrors now.....MOWSLEY

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, p. 358
 THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV..... Prayer Book, p. 388
 CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book, p. 360
 THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A..... Prayer Book, p. 361

SANCTUS..... Craig Phillips (b. 1961), *Festival Eucharist*

Organ	Congregation
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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

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ORGAN “I know that my Redeemer liveth” fr. *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 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20 (KJV)

HYMN 212Awake, arise, lift up your voiceRICHMOND

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Prayer Book, p. 366

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 193 That Easter day with joy was bright..... PUER NOBIS; v. 5 arr. Scott

ORGAN POSTLUDE.....Trumpet TuneCharles Callahan (1951-2023)

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. Continuing Feast, Noon (Undercroft)
Tuesday	Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire) Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Library)
Thursday	Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)
Monday-Saturday	Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

Community assistance grant applications will be accepted until **May 1**.

*This week we remember Grace B. Lanter Derryberry, Hazel Kytle, Daniel Webster Spurlock,
Freya Overby Sutherlin, and John Pugh Wilkinson, buried from Holy Cross.*

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