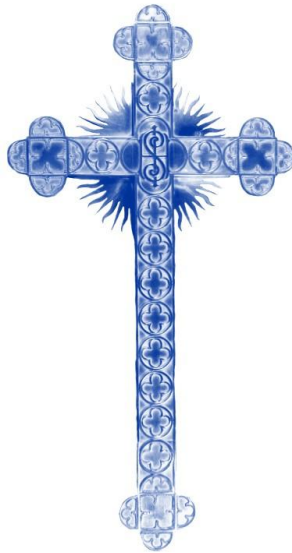


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

April 12, 2026 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280*

Glory to God

Robert Powell

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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 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 **before me**; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not **fall**.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit **rejoices**; *
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**.

The Second Lesson

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 206 (vv.1-5) O sons and daughters, let us sing!

O filii et filiae

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn # 206 (v. 6)	O sons and daughters, let us sing!	<i>O filii et filiae</i>
The Sermon		The Rev. Webster Gibson
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Hymn # 209	We walk by faith	<i>St. Botolph</i>
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)		p. 367
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The Lord's Prayer		p. 364
S-155*	Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover	Gerald Near
The Invitation		p. 364
The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord *Alleluia No. 1*

Post Communion Prayer

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The Easter Blessing

Celebrant: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen

Hymn # 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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