



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn 210: “The Day of Resurrection”

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

The Collect for Purity

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.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise 178: “Alleluia No. 1”

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: 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.**

Psalm 16 (read responsively by half verse)

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 forevermore.

Sequence Hymn: “The Way”

The Way, the Truth,
the Life I believe You are,
the Way, the Truth,
the Life I believe You are

The Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31*

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

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: "Biblical Faith"

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*
(**"catholic"* means universal)

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic* Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.

Offertory Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

*In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)

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

Sanctus - S129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Lord's Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

Communion: Monika Durbin, harp

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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 296: "We Know That Christ is Raised"

The Dismissal

NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS' TABLE



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Pam Walker. Readers: Nancy Gibbons, Chip Lands.

10:30am: DOD: Susan Bell. Acolytes: Joy Rodriguez, Axel Thomas, Grace Andrew. Chalice Bearer: Vickie Dollhausen. Readers: Sarah Tarkus, John Holder.

Home Communion Volunteer:
Luke Umbreit

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Marguerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, Cindy Skeen, Willie Mae Norris, Lafe Parsley, Robert Westbrook, CJ Moffett, Sierra Gracee, Teresa Munn, Karen, Lloyd Peacock, Al Colbird, Donald Hanson, Sheila Hanson, Donna Hundley, Tabby Riley, Kathy, AnnaBelle Love, Linda Patterson, Preston Patterson, and Shearon Harrelson.

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald

Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimauodo, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, and Taylor Knueven.

Repose of the Soul

Peter Coats, Kaleb Peters, Jeff Nutt, and Ashley Gordon.

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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