



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday after Easter
April 27, 2025

The Service of the Word

Prelude: Jamie Meyerholz (*piano*)

Opening Hymn: "The Blessing"

*The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His, Face toward you and give you peace
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
forever. Amen**

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: 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 118: 14-22 (read responsively by whole verse)

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

Sequence Hymn: "Christ Is Risen"

*Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

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: *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*“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

* “catholic” means universal

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. 361 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.*

*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. 361 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith
People *Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again*

Communion Hymn: "Evidence" (See insert)

Communion Hymn 206: "Alleluia"

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.

Additional Ways to Give



Venmo

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Cinda Barber, CJ Moffett, Daniela Power, Derek Skuff,
*Diane Persell, Dake Family, Eula Lantrip, *Fay Scordato,
Jaime Badilla, Jean Turner, Joe John & his whole family,
*John Caljreas, Kay Morrow, *Mabel Wilson, Marguerite
Byrd, Marilyn Pruitt, Mark & Nikki Thomas, Melinda
Turner, Nancy Gibbons, Natalie Baxter, Richard Pena, Ron
Burk, Sally Roberts & Family, Sherry Jo Tilman, Stephanie
Lehrman, Steven Bell, Tabby Riley, Terri Miller, Terri
Perry, Wallace Wilson, Walt & Gail Zimmer, Paul
Ridgeway, Daniela Power, Melinda Turner, Sherry Tillman,
The Dake Family, Manuel Santos, Lavonne Thomas

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony
Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin
Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian
Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau,
Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter
Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose
Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney,
Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah,
Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Steven Bonello,
Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven

Repose of the Soul

Betty Summer, Charles Power, Edward Dake, Eleanor
White, Diane Ridgeway Spicer (Relative of PaulRidgeway)

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Vestry

Ron Burk, (Sr. Warden), Warren Jerrems (Jr. Warden), Tam Lee (Jr.
Warden), Britt Landrum, Steven Bell, Hunter Walker, Donovan
Chau, Sarah Tarkus, Leslie Parsley, Kaki Chambers, Jean Gibson,
Carla Hardin, Chip Lands

Serving Today

8:00am: Isabelle Peterson, Ed Austin (readers)

10:30am: Gregory Rider, Grace Andrew (acolytes), Jack
Lichlyter, Miya May (chalice bearers), Rachel Holder, Patrick

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