



**HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM RITE II – 10:00 A.M.**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*  
THE REVEREND DEACON JARED MOORE, *Seminarian*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*  
THE REVEREND DEACON REDMOND SELF, *Seminarian*

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**PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*

Healey Willan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Please stand and sing*

**HYMN 184**

Christ the Lord is risen again!

*Christ ist erstanden*

**THE ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 People are seated.*

**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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.*

*The children will return before communion.*

**HYMN 206**

O sons and daughters, let us sing!

*O filii et filiae*

*Gospeller* 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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Redmond Self

*A moment for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*Esme Rodriguez, Cameron Rugel Foote, Callahan Murphy, Louisa Kane Broomell, Charlotte Frances Clarke*

*Celebrant:* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents:* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I do.

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Intercessor* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

#### THE BAPTISM

*After all have been baptized,*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### HYMN 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

*St. Elizabeth*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

#### BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead.

Words and Music: Michael Bedford

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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 our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS S-128 (sung by all)

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love...  
...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Gerald Near

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.*

## ANTHEM

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sing,  
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
Captivity then captive, us to win.  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we for whom Thou didest die,  
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
May life for ever in felicity:  
And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love Thee for the same again;  
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
With love may one another entertain.  
So let us love, dear Love, like as ought;  
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Words: Edmund Spenser  
Music: William Henry Harris

## HYMNS AT COMMUNION

205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

*Gelobt sei Gott*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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

THE CLOSING HYMN 209

We walk by faith and not by sight

*St. Botolph*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Leader* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *O filii et filiae*

**THE CHANCEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE GIVEN**

*In memory of Bill and Kathy Prewett*

**WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED**

Richard Orenstein, Ben Rankin Morris, Matt Clinger

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS**

Sean Doherty, the Nelson family, Alec Hostetler, Kate Ballard, the Streyder family

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, William Groft & family, Lori & family, Bill & Colleen Nelson, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, Jim Murphy, Willie Banks, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, Darlene Freeman, Alfred & Lucia Goldman, David Caleb, Jim Coakley, Dan Garcia, Betty Stacy, Tony Robson, Joe, Travis Abel, John, Brooke, Riley, Jack, Gaby Brown, Pamela Ayers Davis, the Clinger Family, April Williams & family, Mary Svrjcek

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