



HOLY BAPTISM AND EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*  
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, *Associate Rector*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*  
KEVIN CRILEY, EMILY MEEKS, ABBY MERK, *Seminarians*  
*Childcare is available in the nursery*

PRELUDE Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand and sing*

HYMN 193

That Easter day with joy was bright

*Puer nobis*

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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

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.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

Alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead

Michael Bedford  
The Canterbury and Cherub Choirs

*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*

## THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*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 People may be seated.*

## THE SERMON

Emily Meeks

The People stand and sing  
HYMN 141 FROM LEVAS II

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, \_\_\_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, \_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God? \_\_\_  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day. \_\_\_  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown. \_\_\_  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace. \_\_\_

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; \_\_\_

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God. \_\_\_

## HOLY BAPTISM

Anastasia Marie Brewington  
Eamon John Daley-Hennessy

*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.

*Sung repeatedly*

Music: The Very Rev. Harry Pritchett, Jr.

We re - ceive you in - to the house - hold of God. Con - fess the faith of  
Christ cru - ci - fied, pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion, and  
share with us in his e - ter - nal priest - hood.

### THE PEACE

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

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

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## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What wondrous love is this, O my soul;  
That caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

Words: from an American Folk Hymn  
Music: The Rev. Charles Dupree

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —  
 11 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. —  
 20 Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues on page 373 of The Book of Common Prayer

**Celebrant:** We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People:*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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.

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.

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. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister.

#### HYMN AT COMMUNION

205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

#### ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,  
They tell me of a home far away,  
And they tell me of a home  
Where no storm-clouds rise:  
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days  
O the Land of an unclouded sky,  
O they tell me of a home  
Where no storm-clouds rise:  
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home  
Where my friends have gone,  
They tell me of a land far away,  
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom  
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in his beauty there,  
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold  
Where He sits on a throne  
That is bright as the sun  
In the city that is made of gold!

Words and Music: Rev. J.K. Alwood, Arr. Shawn Kirchner

#### SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,  
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
**All We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

#### 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. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

#### POSTLUDE Improvisation on O filii et filiae

Abel

#### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Kay Parker Jex and John Morgan Jex