

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

The Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 12, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major BWV 541 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

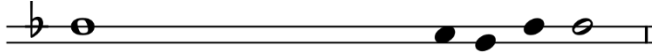
Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The People respond



The Lord is risen indeed. Al-le-lu-ia.

GLORIA

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Musical notation for the first line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: 1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

Musical notation for the second line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

Musical notation for the third line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

Musical notation for the fifth line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

Musical notation for the sixth line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

Musical notation for the seventh line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

Musical notation for the eighth line of the Gloria, including the lyrics: ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, concluding

O God, by your mighty hand
 you raised up Jesus from the grave
 and appointed him judge of the living and the dead.
 Bestow upon us who are baptized into his death
 the power flowing from his resurrection,
 that we may proclaim near and far
 the pardon and peace you give us.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 first-born from the dead,
 who lives with you now and always
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

...God for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*sung by the Choir**Psalms 16*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the Holy One, “You are my God, my good above all other.”
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
 But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
 O God, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.
 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
 I will bless you, O God, who gives me counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
 I have set you always before me; *
 because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.
 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; *
 my body also shall rest in hope.
 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Anglican Chant: William Crotch

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.

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GOSPEL HYMN *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

Hymn 209

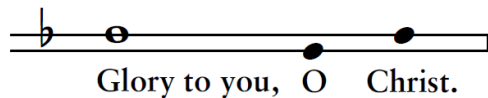
1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

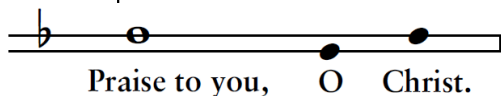
Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
 Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon bids the prayers, saying

**God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer as we pray in faith.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

The response after each prayer is

Risen Lord,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the world: Lead all peoples into the ways of justice and peace; teach us to respect one another in freedom and truth; awaken in us wonder for the earth, and a deep care for all you have made.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church: Enliven your Church for its mission; make us salt of the earth and light to the world; breathe fresh life into your people, that we may reveal Christ in word and action.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for communities in which we live: Inspire those who make decisions that shape our lives, that they may act with integrity and courage; give grace to all whose lives are bound to ours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; let them know the power of your healing love, and make us agents of your compassion.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Give comfort to those who grieve, and bring them peace in their loss. We give thanks for the faithful in every generation; may their example inspire our witness in our own day.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect

**Almighty God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life;
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

...God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir*

This joyful Eastertide

*17th cent. German Melody, harm. Charles W (1866-1926)
Words: George R. Woodward (1848-1934)*

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain:
Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
but now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number: [Refrain]

Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver: [Refrain]

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814–1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The prayer continues until

Worship and praise belong to you, author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work bringing order from chaos
and filling emptiness with life.
Christ raised from the dead proclaims the dawn of hope.
He lives in us that we may walk in light.
Your Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.
As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

The prayer continues until

SANCTUS



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.

Setting: William Mathias (1934 -1992)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross, eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the garden the truth shone clear
that he whom they had loved and lost
was with them now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat, this is my body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks
and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
And for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir*

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears,
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

Tune "Morgenlied" – Frederick C. Maker (1844 – 1927)
Words: John S. B. Monsell (1811 – 1875)

Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now hath found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first-fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The People join in the final part of the prayer, in bold.

**Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and revealed the way to life in his name.**

**Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.**

*May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

**The wonder and wildness of God,
who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.**

**And the blessing of God Almighty:
Source of all being,
Incarnate Word,
and Abiding Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you,
now and always. Amen.**

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923–1987)
 Music: Gelobet sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?–1616)

THE SENDING

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'O filii et filiae' – Lynwood Farnam (1885 – 1930)

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