



Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor (*The Little*) – J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. Je - sus, the Sa - vior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph e - ver -
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat a -
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus
And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal



more. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
bove; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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

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.**

GLORIA (*Sung by all*)

Organ *Unison Voices*

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,
 al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
slower
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
 have mer-cy up-on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand
a tempo
 of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone
 are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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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.**

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

- The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:14-29 (*in unison*)

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.

²³ **This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.**

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ **God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the
horns of the altar.**

²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

²⁹ **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.**

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-8

Lector A reading from the Revelation of John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

- The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #209 (vv. 1-2)

(In the Blue Hymnal)

We walk by faith, and not by sight



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 un- be- lief; 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 - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Celebrant 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.

- The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #209 (vv. 3-4) *(In the Blue Hymnal)* *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

THE SERMON The Reverend Ed Kelaher, Rector

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<p>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</p>	<p>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 and 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.</p>
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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; we pray for Donald our President, Josh our Governor, Jason our Mayor, and John and Tommy our Councilmen;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; and Ed our Priest; and all other bishops and ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, and **Josey** Parker, and those with special needs:

Lou Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Ella** Asebes, **Paul** Batson, **Jeannie** Belk, **Louise** Billings, **Sissy** Bolstad, **Mike** Bralkowski, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Susan** Branscomb, **Lynne** Broch, **Gayle** Burke, **Seraphina** Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Becky Jo** Davis, **Roy** Deese, **Susan** Dixon, **Kim** Dube, **Renee** Ewbank, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **James** Giles, **Angie** Gowen, **Earnest** Graham, **Jane** Grimes, **Jim** Hackney, **George** Hanna, **Semi** Harne, **Carol** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Brittany** Hudson, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Vickie & Mike** Johnson, **Andrew** Jones, **David** Jones, **Brian** Kent, **Diana** Landschoot, **Cara** Lee, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Kate** McKenzie, **Charles** McNeair, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Angela** Mott, **Howard** Palmer, **Lori** Parks, **Walker** Peoples, **Gabby** Plott, **Ellen** Rickert, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Melissa** Routh, **Christine** Ryals, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Joshua** Sheffield, **Elizabeth** Shuman, **Carol** Sills, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Morgan** Simmons, **Clyde** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Sharon** Smith, **Sean** Sullivan, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Sandy** Wallace, **Flynn** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?”

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able

360 THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision – arr. J. Curnow

Wes Allred, Trombone

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

361 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 (*Sung by All*)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people may stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.

Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.

If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN #203

(In the Blue Hymnal)

O sons and daughters, let us sing!



1 O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their
5 On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and



1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um - phing.
2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
3 to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."
4 Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."
5 voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor – J. S. Bach

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Nancy & Rick Mack
in loving memory of James Wells Logan on the occasion of his birthday.*

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Lector: Lynn Meeks
Intercessor: Kristi Allred
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Staley Nance, Karl Bolstad
Ushers: Doug Hartzog, Richard Wolfe
Greeter: Penny Taylor
Acolytes: Anderson Carter, Merritt Carter, Tanner Sheets

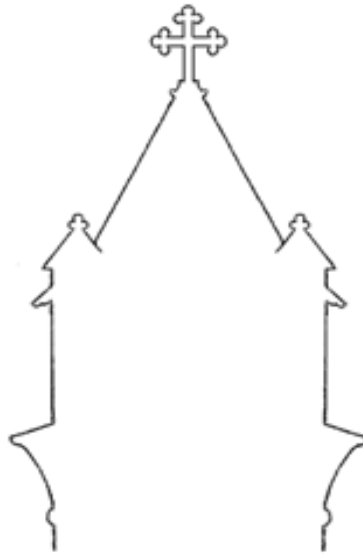
WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall (in the building next door) for refreshments and conversation.

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary.

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.



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THE VESTRY

2026

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2027

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Vestry Person of the Month for April is Kristi Allred.