



April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Parents: The nurseries for infants and toddlers are located on the lower level.

At the Procession

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

(Antiphon at the beginning of first verse and end of last verse)

Antiphon

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the Antiphon 'Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!' in soprano and basso continuo parts. The second system begins the hymn 'The Strife is O'er' with the first stanza. The third system continues the hymn with the second stanza. The fourth system concludes the hymn with the third stanza and ends with 'Alleluia! [Ant.]'.

Antiphon:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

Hymn: The Strife is O'er (Stanzas 1, 2, 3)

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
*3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ has risen.

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

Celebrant: 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 in excelsis

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Acts 5: 27-32

Introduction to the Lesson

Imprisoned after they are accused of stirring up the people, the apostles are freed when an angel intervenes. Later, they tell the authorities that their faith will not permit them to keep silent.

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.
Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first*

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

Introduction to the Lesson

John writes to the seven churches of Asia with a wonderful vision of the things to come. The Lord Jesus is exalted to reign in the kingdom forever.

A reading from the Revelation to 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.
Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Gospel Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Sing verses 1—2 before the Gospel and verses 3 after the Gospel.

Gospel Hymn

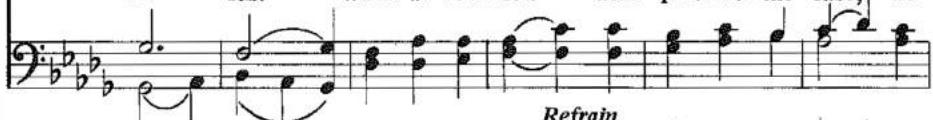
I want to walk as a child of the light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



A musical score for a hymn. The top staff is in treble clef, B-flat major, and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The bottom staff is in bass clef, B-flat major, and 2/4 time. The music consists of chords and some rhythmic patterns.

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The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Introduction to the Lesson

The risen Lord reveals himself to several of the disciples. In a second appearance, Thomas is convinced of the resurrection only when he personally encounters the risen Savior.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
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.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Glenn Palmer

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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

Prayers of the People

Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying, Christ has risen!
The Lord has risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we thank you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. We especially give thanks for (*Intercessions of thanksgiving offered here*). On this day, give us hope, for Christ has risen!

The Lord has risen indeed!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen!

The Lord has risen indeed!

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us. We especially pray for those in need of healing (*Intercessions of healing offered here*) For Christ is risen!

The Lord has risen indeed!

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears (*Intercessions for the departed offered here*). For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world. For Christ is risen!

The Lord has risen indeed!

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

(The Confession is omitted during the Easter season.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

He lives

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
3. Re - joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say,
and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
the day of his ap - pear-ing will come at last.
none oth - er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
(he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
(he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord

People: *And of your own have we given you.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A *Also found on page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer*

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.*

Celebrant: 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 the 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:



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 Bless—ed is he who
comes— in the name of the Lord! Ho san na in the high est!

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 forever. *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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion: All are welcome at God’s table. We are offering both bread and wine. If you would like to receive the wine by common cup, go to the right. If you would like to receive by intinction, go to the left.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for gluten free bread when you come to receive.

Communion Hymn

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Descant

Lord!
deemed,
free.
feast.

1. Lift up your hearts un - to the Lord,
2. In Christ the world has been re-deemed.
3. His re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
4. There - fore we cel - e-brate the feast.
5. Sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

1. Lift up your hearts un - to the Lord,
2. In Christ the world has been re-deemed.
3. His re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
4. There - fore we cel - e-brate the feast.
5. Sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

lift up your
In Christ the
His re - sur -
There - fore we
Sing al - le -

Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

hearts un - to the Lord.
world has been re-deemed.
rec - tion sets us free.
cel - e-brate the feast.
lu - ia to the Lord!

Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;

Final ending

lift up your hearts un - to the
in Christ the world has been re -
His re - sur - rec - tion sets us
There - fore we cel - e-brate the
Sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

Final ending

lift up your hearts un - to the Lord!
in Christ the world has been re - deemed.
His re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
there - fore we cel - e-brate the feast.
sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

Communion Hymn

Seek ye first

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you,

 and its righteousness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

 added unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!
 opened unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn

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 and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind.

Now go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you, because it doesn't. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn)

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

Recessional

Jesus shall reign



1 Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.



Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

Boy Scouts Yard Sale

The Boy Scouts are having their annual yard sale Saturday, May 7th from sunrise until noon. Donations for the sale will be accepted on Friday, May 6th after 5pm. If you need assistance hauling larger items to the church, call David Quebedeaux at 706-373-2914.

Sunday Morning Refreshments

We are in need of Sunday morning refreshments, especially Cheetos! There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to volunteer.

The Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum will meet at 9:15am to discuss Kate Bowler's book, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*. We meet the following Sundays: May 1st, 15th, 22nd, and June 5th, 12th. A nursery is provided.

Children's Church

Children's Church meets downstairs at 10:30am. Prior to the start of church service parents escort their children, grades Pre-K through 5th, downstairs. Children will be brought upstairs in time for communion. Upcoming topics: April 24-Walking with Jesus, May 1-One Body, May 8-What is Love?

Augusta GreenJackets

We have 20 tickets for our Church outing to the Augusta GreenJackets game on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00pm. Tickets are free. First come, first serve. See Father Glenn.

Youth Event Rescheduled

The youth bowling event for tonight has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 15th. More details soon!

The Master's Table

The Master's Table at 702 Fenwick Street, downtown, Augusta, was created to be a place of comfort and support for people who struggle in downtown Augusta. The soup kitchen serves a hot lunch to more than 325 community members every day, 365 days per year.

Father Glenn is looking for others to join him in serving a hot lunch to God's people at The Master's Table on Saturday June 4th from 10:30am - 12:30pm and/or Saturday July 9th from 10:30am - 12:30pm. To volunteer, speak to Father Glenn or email him at rector@holycocomforterchurch.org.

The Book Club

The Book Club meets Wednesday, May 11 at 10:00am at the church. Our book for May is *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. This novel is about a talented yet neglected girl aged out of the foster care system.

For more information about The Book Club, contact Mary Kelly at marykelly919@comcast.net or 206-859-8418.

Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Marc Mexia, Michelle Hopper, Paulie Kane, and James Adams

For those celebrating birthdays: Michael Shippen

For those celebrating anniversaries: Dave and Julie Blake, George and Linda Morgan, and John and Jennifer Hudson

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, and Kairos Prison Ministry.

For those who are homebound: Donna Garvey and Loren Waldo

For the safety of all those who serve abroad.

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Acolytes
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Ushers
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Glenn Palmer
Linda Bargeron and Jenny Frey
Brandon Belair and Emma Morris
Tab Carter
Karen Sheppard
Jenny Frey and Maurica Bourne
Tab Carter and Nathan Suggs
Bill Liebel

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