

St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #193 *That Easter day with joy was bright*

PUER NOBIS

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Tone VIII.1



1 *Protect* me, O God, for I take refuge in yóu; *

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good a/bove all óther."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the lánd, *
upon those who are noble a/mong the péople.

3 But those who run after óther gods *
shall have their / troubles múltiplied.



- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their / gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you / who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a / goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, / night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me;*
because he is at my right / hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 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.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #209 *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

ST. BOTOLPH

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verses 3 and 4 will be sung after the reading.*

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Gospel

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

The Sermon

The Rector

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

The Presider says The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The parents and Godparents stand and present the candidates as the people remain seated.

We present Dominic Christian Eckler to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

We present Emmeline Georgia Frascotti to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and sponsors the following questions:

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

Parents and Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

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

Parents and Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

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

Parents and Sponsors **I renounce them.**

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

Parents, and Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Sponsors **I do**

The congregation stands and the Presider addresses them.

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

All respond **We will.**

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

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

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

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

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

Priest 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.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider blesses the water.

The Baptism

Each Candidate is presented to the Presider, who then baptizes with these words:

Presider I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen!**

The newly baptized is marked with the sign of the cross with Chrism, with these words:

Priest You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen!**

The Presider prays over the newly baptized, and then presents a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

All then join in praying the St. John's Baptismal Prayer.

St. John's Baptismal Prayer

People **Bless we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, the parents of these children, and give to them and to all in whose charge they may be the spirit of wisdom and love: that their homes may be to them an image of thy kingdom, and the care of their parents a likeness of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

Offertory Hymn #492 *Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

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During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly. Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus Hymnal S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

....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.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

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.**

Presider 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.

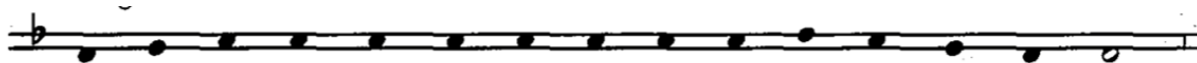
For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory,

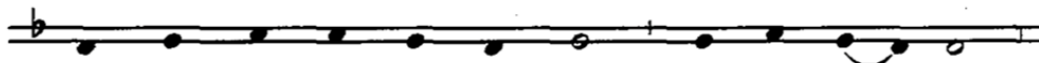
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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.

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available from the common cup.

Communion Anthem *Wash, O God, our sons and daughters*

Benjamin Franklin White (1800-1879)

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

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 Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn #205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

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The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude *Nun lob mein Seel, den Herren* Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director
Paul Tompros, Vestry Person of the Day
Pell Osborn and August Kaminski, Readers
Louis Tompros, Intercessor
Paul Newell and Catherine Womack, Ushers
Cary Cox, Altar Guild

Elizabeth Fry, Maureen Lavelly and Jake Sterling, Coffee Hour Hosts

Today we welcome Dominic Christian Eckler and Emmeline Georgia Frascotti to the household of God! Dominic is the son of Adrianna Garrett and Daniel Eckler. Emmie is the daughter of Alison Johnston and Anthony Frascotti.

Communion classes for children will be held this Sunday and next in preparation for a First Communion service on May 17. Whether a child already receives communion regularly or not, the classes are a nice way to spend some time together and talk about what exactly it is we do on Sundays and why. The class will meet after the service in the Rector's Study.

Thanks to the many people who made this year's Holy Week and Easter celebration special. Thanks to Douglas and the choir for the beautiful music, to the many readers and ushers, to Nancy Armstrong for bringing and arranging lilies, to those who brought food and other refreshments to gatherings throughout the week and to Ms. Nancy for a chilly, damp but wonderful Easter Egg Hunt -- each of you and your many varied contributions are greatly appreciated!

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Mr. Matt Hast and Ms. Shannon Fry, Wardens