

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

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Benedicam Domino*

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

THE WORD OF GOD

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

GELOBT SEI GOTT

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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The First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

Tone VIII.2



***1 Hallelujah!**

Praise God in his holy t'emple; *

praise him in the firmament / of his p'ower.

2 Praise him for his m'ighty acts; *

praise him for his ex/cellent gr'eatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the r'am's-horn; *

praise / him with l'yre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and d'ance; *
praise / him with strings and pipe.

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

6 Let everything thát has breath *
praise the LORD.
/ Hallelújah! [Ant.]

The Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

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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

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

Michael Fenn, Seminarian

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

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

The candidate and sponsors come forward as the people remain seated.

I present Nicholas Reback to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

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

Candidate **I renounce them.**

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

Candidate **I renounce them.**

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

Candidate **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Candidate **I do.**

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidate **I do.**

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Candidate **I do.**

The congregation stands and the Presider addresses them.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

All respond **We will.**

Presider Let us join with Nick who is committing himself 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 Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him 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

The 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.

The Welcome of the Newly Baptized

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 #432 O praise ye the Lord!

LAUDATE DOMINUM



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](https://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

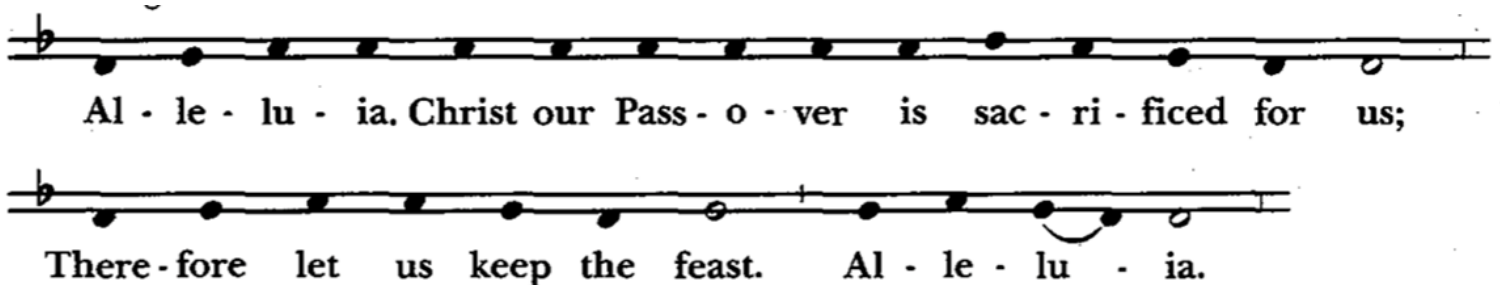
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty
God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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.



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 either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

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

FINNIAN

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Michael Fenn, Seminarian

Paul Newell, Vestry Person of the Day

August Kaminski and Caroline Bresler, Readers

Nancy Armstrong, Intercessor

Joanne Graziano and Matt, Hast, Ushers

D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild

Alice Krapf, Ethan Sardina and Laura Carroll, Coffee Hour Hosts



If you're new to St. John's, welcome! You can scan this QR code for our **Visitor Card**, which will allow you to sign up for our weekly newsletter to stay in touch about what's going on in the church. Paper cards are also available in the pews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Thursday at 11am, we resume gathering for lively exploration and conversation around a topic of interest. Please plan to join us! All are welcome.

Thanks to the many people who made this year's Holy Week and Easter celebration special. Thanks to Douglas and the choir, to Nan and the flower arrangers, to Catherine and the altar guild, to Joanne and the gardeners, to Robin and the ushers, to Ms. Nancy, Simon and the numerous Easter party and egg hunt contributors, and to our wonderful readers and intercessors for many days of hard and joyful work! Each of you and your many varied contributions are greatly appreciated!

THE LILIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Loving Family and Friends
by Maureen Lavelly

AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The Armstrong and Finch Families
by Nancy Armstrong and Steve Finch

**Nancy Carroll, Daniel Carroll,
Laura Kerr, William Kerr and William Kerr, Jr.**
by Laura Carroll

**Priscilla Kenyon, Marie Mitchell, Bobby Mitchell, Marlene Cunningham and
Jim DeWitt**
by Roger and Gloria Chesebrough

**Catherine and Carlo DiManno, Cecilia McDougall
and Luigi Imbrogiano**
by Jen DiManno

Emily Hay
by Peter and Elizabeth Hay

Lurette Bourne
By Greg Johnston and Priscilla Burns

Mogli, Daisey and Milo
by Sarge Locke

John and Mary Noonan
by Patricia Noonan

**William Campbell Womack, Pierce Allen Riley,
and Elizabeth Sparrow Riley**
by Catherine Womack