



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

Today's service follows the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew. Service music, noted with an "S," can be found in the front of the book, and our hymns, noted by an "H" and their number, after that. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional Hymn: H 209, "We walk by faith, and not by sight"

St. Botolph

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Song of Praise: H 417 "This is the feast of victory..."

Festival Canticle

(All sing vv. 1,3,5; Men v. 2; Women v. 4)

Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 224

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

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.**

Children's Story

Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

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.**

Response: Psalm 118:14-29, *Confitemini Domino*

BCP, p. 761

The Lord is my strength and my song, * **and he has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory * **in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * **the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

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I shall not die, but live, * **and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, * **but he did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; * **I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; * **he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * **and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected * **has become the chief cornerstone.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

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.**

Gospel Hymn: H 212, "Awake, arise, lift up your voice"

Richmond

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.**

Sermon: The Rev. Steve Busch

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP, p. 387

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.

As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text STJOHNSCENTREVILLE" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.



The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 380, vs. 3, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus: S 125, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

Prayer A (cont.)

BCP, p. 362

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S 161, "Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymn: H 307, "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

Bryn Calvaria

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: H 193, "That Easter day with joy was bright"

Puer nobis

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Miriam and George Dewey, by George Dewey.

The Next Chapter. As you heard today in church, help us write the next chapter at St. John's by donating:



- by check with "Next Chapter 2025" in the memo line;
- online, using the QR code inside or at right, selecting "Next Chapter 2025;" and/or
- by gifting an appreciated stock or mutual fund, or a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Please designate as "Next Chapter 2025."

For more information, contact Fr. Kevin, Lisa Heller, and/or Andrew Wade.

Progressive Dinner. The Progressive Dinner returns May 24! Parishioners meet for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at the home of a parishioner before dividing into groups and heading to other homes for dinner. The evening ends at yet another location for dessert and coffee. Past dinners have been a huge hit, and everyone has had a wonderful time! Sign up with Penny Parker by May 11 to be part of the festivities.

Altar Guild. Throughout the liturgical year, this hard-working group takes care of the communion vessels, altar linens, and floral displays that enrich our historic church. You can be part of this important ministry and create the kind of beauty seen every Sunday. Please be in touch with Marcia Evans or the parish office if you are interested.

Coffee Hour. Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

Adult Lectionary Forum. If you'd like to discuss today's readings in greater depth, grab coffee and a snack, and join us in the library after the service.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kevin Laskowski	Lector:	Jean Makurat
Deacon:	The Rev. Steve Busch	Acolyte:	Val Tucker
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