



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge  
Kevin Anderson, Organist

## The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

### Holy Eucharist Rite II

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*Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent,  
for this is a house of prayer for all people.*

#### PRELUDE

*All stand and sing.*

PROCESSIONAL | *Alleluia No. 1* Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks

Hymnal 178

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.**

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## 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.**

*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 16

*The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson. Please join in if you feel so moved.*



*1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."*

*2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.*

*3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.*

*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.*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE | 1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector: A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Puer Nobis* That Easter day with joy was bright

Hymnal 193

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

*All stand.*

## 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 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for  
the Revised Common Lectionary*

*Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

Lord God, we are your people, and we confess our need for you in our lives. Hear now our prayers as we say, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

We pray for your church and all those who follow you and serve the world in your name. May they be strengthened, energized, and comforted by the knowledge of your constant love.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for those who serve and govern in this nation. May they act wisely with compassion, mercy, and selfless concern for all people.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for the world, for the sustenance and viability of the earth and its creatures and resources, for the health and livelihood of all people, for those who suffer persecution, homelessness, starvation, imprisonment, and oppression, so that all may be made new.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for our neighbors, that we might live in peace and safety, that all might have everything they need to live a full and abundant life. Especially we pray for your mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention and their families. We pray also for the children held in detention across our nation. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for the suffering, for those who are anxious and frightened, for those who must face danger as part of their work in the world. We pray for those who are sick or injured, and for those who tend them in their need. Especially we pray for Edward Martin.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for the dead and for those who are dying, that the love of God might be a strong comfort as they depart this world and for that same comfort to sustain those who mourn.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

You are our strength, Lord God, and we gladly lean on you in times of trouble. Take these burdens now and offer us your grace and remind us of your promise that you are always with us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Together*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

*Because of Easter Sunday, April birthdays and anniversaries were postponed until this week. Blessings and happiness to all who are celebrating.*

**April Birthdays:** Lynn Hall, Kin Brown, Barbara Morgan

**April Anniversaries:** Dick & June Wood, Mike & Mary Jane Hartenstine

# OFFERTORY HYMN



1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
 2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, who died to set me free;  
 3. It tells me what my Fa - ther hath In store for ev - 'ry day,  
 4. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est woe,



It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est name on earth.  
 It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's per - fect plea.  
 And, tho I tread a dark - some path, Yields sun - shine all the way.  
 Who in each sor - row bears a part That none can bear be - low.



## *Refrain*



O, how I love Je - sus, O, how I love Je - sus,



O, how I love Je - sus— Be - cause He first loved me!



TEXT: Frederick Whitfield  
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody

O, HOW I LOVE JESUS  
 C.M. with Refrain

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*Please stand for the presentation of the offering.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 | Holy, holy, holy Lord

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. The first staff contains the melody for the words "Ho - ly, ho - ly," with a long note for "Ho" and a dotted note for "ly," followed by another long note for "ho" and a dotted note for "ly." The second staff contains the melody for the words "ho - ly Lord, God of power and might," with a long note for "ho," a dotted note for "ly," a quarter note for "Lord," a quarter note for "God," a quarter note for "of," a quarter note for "power," a quarter note for "and," and a quarter note for "might." The notes are written in a simple, clear style on a five-line staff.

heaven 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

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:

*Together*

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

# FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 155



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

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

## *Celebrant:*

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.

## THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

*All people are invited to receive Communion. The ushers will come stand by your pew, at which time you may go kneel or stand at the railing. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have mobility challenges and need communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION HYMN | In the garden

Performed by Kevin Anderson

BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

RECESSIONAL | *O filii et filiae* O sons and daughters, let us sing Hymnal 206

## DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room,  
to the left as you exit the nave.**

*St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.*

*Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.*

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## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Edward Martin. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles : Mike Sawyer, Liz Dixon, Stafford Long, April Moore, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

### VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*  
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*  
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,  
and Steve Morse  
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

### MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Lynn Norris  
Ushers: Charles & Lynn Norris  
Virtual Ministers: William Morgan &  
Steve Morse  
Eucharistic Minister: Drucye Cox  
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson  
Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

## UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

APR 15: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation meets at 3:00

APR 19: Vestry meets after the service

APR 22: St. Nicholas Game Night after Evening Prayer at 5:00



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You'll find: Honoring graduating seniors, Neal Lucas at Zion on April 18, and the church calendar into May