



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Music Director

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to our Celebrant today, Father Darius Sudayi.

PRELUDE |

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *Puer nobis* That Easter day with joy

Hymnal 193

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.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 5:27-32

Lector: 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."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.

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

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

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

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

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

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 NEW TESTAMENT | Revelation 1:4-8

Lector: 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Alleluia No. 1 Alleluia, Alleluia!! Give thanks

Hymnal 178

THE GOSPEL | John 20:19-31

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Rev. Darius Sudayi

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 Second Sunday of Easter

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

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Let us pray for ourselves and others, responding to each petition with, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Holy God, give your faithful people voices to proclaim the beautiful truth, that your son is risen! Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One who rose again, give us hearts to serve your poor, to proclaim good news, to see you in all those we see this day and every day. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit who proceeds from the father and the son, give this nation and its leaders a strong resolve to serve in love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy and just Lord of all, seek out the persecuted and give protection. Hear the cries of the imprisoned and give them peace. See the needs of your people and help us to respond with your help. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy hope of the poor and suffering, grant healing to all those who experience pain and loss, sickness and depressions, estrangement, and violence. May these brothers and sisters especially know recovery of body, mind, and spirit: Mike, Edward, Martha Sue, Asa, and the grieving family of Mary Ann. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy comfort of the dying and strength for those who mourn, let light perpetual shine upon those who come to you, and love be their shelter in your heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers and petitions in the name of Holy Love – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSİON 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

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN | Christ arose

See handout

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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 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 | Hymnal S 125

The Holy Eucharist II

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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 164

S 164

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

The Holy Eucharist

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN | In the garden

Booklet 29

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 | Because he lives

See handout

DISMISSAL

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

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE |

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Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, Martha Sue Blythe, Asa Garris, and the Brown family as they mourn Kin's mother, Mary Ann. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon and Jewell Wells.

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.

Please send all prayer requests to pastoralcare@stnicholashamilton.org.

VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*

Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*

Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry

Alex Garrett, Clerk of the Vestry

Jim Gilliam, Treasurer

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: John Brent

Eucharistic Minister: Martha Dimon

Ushers: Sheri Cody

Virtual Minister: Katherine Johnson

Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Margaret Zachry

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

Office opens late Thursday, May 1 – Erin will be attending the program at Zion (see below)

Spring Treats

Let's continue the Easter season post-service fellowship time with cookies and lemonade on non-brunch Sundays, to give us a few minutes after the service to just enjoy each other's company. If you'd like to bring a simple treat one Sunday, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

*** * * No First Sunday Brunch in May – See you at the game! * * ***

Book Club Selects Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior* for May

In 2004 Barbara Kingsolver moved from Tucson, where she had lived since 1978, and returned to southern Appalachia, the setting of several recent notable books, including *Flight Behavior*, the book club's selection for its next meeting. Book Club will meet May 7 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

Episcopal Day at Synovus Park – May 4!



The Chattahoochee Valley Convocation has arranged to celebrate Episcopal Day at Synovus Park on **Sunday, May 4** as the Clingstones take on the Biloxi Shuckers. Game time is 1:05 pm, so you can head over to the park right after worship. Lunch will be available for purchase at concession stands. Seats in sections 212 and 213, are reserved for us; if we fill up those seats, there will still be plenty of general admission seats available. The cost of tickets is \$10 each, plus some handling fees. You can purchase directly

through this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Episcopalchurches2>. Wear your Episcopal or church t-shirts or other swag so we can show the world how much fun Episcopalians have together.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX.

The **National Day of Prayer** in 2025 will be observed on Thursday, May 1st. This annual event encourages Americans of all faiths to unite in prayer for the nation.

Thursday, May 1 there will be a program at Historic Zion Church, 0 Jackson Avenue, in Talbotton, Ga beginning at 9 a.m., with refreshments after. Following the program, the church will remain open until 3:00 for anyone who wants to come in and pray.

Pastor Franklin Holmes of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Talbotton, Rabbi Laurence Schlesinger of Temple Israel in Columbus and Reverend Grace Burton-Edwards of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus have been invited. Each will share a devotional and prayer in keeping with their faith practice. Music will be provided by organist, Talbotton native Tom Callier.

Please join us Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Historic Zion Church at 9am for Talbot County's observance of this special day.

