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The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2026, 9:00 am

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude: "Harken to the anthem glorious" David Thompson Childs

Announcements

Processional Hymn: 492 - "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"  
Finnian

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant:*

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.**

*Celebrant and People:*

**Gloria: S280**

**Robert Powell**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### The Collect of the Day

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.**

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

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 16

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.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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. The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: 195 - “Jesus live! thy terrors now” (vs 1&2, then 3&4)  
Mowsley**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)  
**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Anne Harman

Nicene Creed (Stand)

**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 worshipped 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 Form III

*(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, especially St. Mary's, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Church of the Redeemer, St. Margaret of Scotland, and St. Wilfred's, all in Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; and for the Anglican Communion throughout the world, in particular, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop, Douglas, our bishop, Hugh and Jim our priests, and Kevin, our deacon and St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their Pastor Anne;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those who are listed in our bulletin;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The Confession

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 is then exchanged*

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

*People:* And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** (*The people may sit*)

**Offertory Hymn: 455 - "O Love of God, how strong and true" Dunedin**

**Presentation of Gifts** (*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward*)

**Doxology: vs 3**

**Old 100th**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A (Stand)

*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 thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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 S125 - Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Richard Proulx**

*Celebrant:* 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:* **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 !**

The Communion

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*

*(We invite all to come the Lord's Table for communion or for a blessing. For a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing prayer. If intincting after receiving the bread, please hand the bread to the chalice bearer. If you wish to sip the wine, please use your hands to guide the chalice to your lips.)*

**Communion Hymn: 206 "O sons and daughters, let us sing"**

**O filii et filiae**

Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)

*Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following words:*

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

**People:** Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer (Stand)

**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.**

Blessing

**Closing Hymn: 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing"**

**Gelobt sei Gott**

**The Dismissal: Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude: Postlude: "Laus Deo"

Richard Redhead

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**Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.**

## Announcements

**Pray for the sick:** Cathy Bixler, Barbara Bowdoin, Heather Bradlee, Sally Brown, Bob Cates, Bob Courdway, The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ann D'Alessandro, Kristy Foltz, Sharon Griffin, John Humpal, Carol Jefford, Nan Lanham, Danny Lovell, Charlie McAllister, James Logan McLeay, Tom McManus, Kimberly McMillan, Joe Marcavage, John Piatak, The Rev. George Razee, Eric Rummeler, Nancy Sawyer, Betsie Scott, Molly Sperandio, Mary Tapp, Sandy Walton and Peter Watts.

**Pray for the homebound:** Margarita Lopez.

Vestry minutes and financial summary are posted on a bulletin board in the entryway. These documents will be posted each month.

**Good Neighbors:** The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month will be for Good Neighbors.

**Pack-a-Sack:** If you would like to sponsor a child for one month- \$25, or for one year \$225, please mark your gift for Pack a Sack. For more information or to assist with the packing, contact Caroline Barnett.

**Prayer Chapel:** The Chapel is open for anyone wishing individual prayer. Everyone is welcome to go to the Chapel after communion to receive prayer with a member of The Daughters of the King. Prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

**Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed!** The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers to work the front desk and the sorting/pricing room. Please contact Caroline Barnett if you are interested. (727) 459-3650.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – Wednesday, 10am in the Parish Hall. See Bob Courdway if you have any questions.

Deadline for submission of articles for the bulletin is Tuesday, 3pm for the following Sunday bulletin.

### Weekly Schedule

Thrift Shop Hours - Tue, Thu, and Sat 9:30 – 3:30

Hand Bell Choir - Tuesdays, 6pm – Church Sanctuary

Voice Choir - Tuesdays, 7pm – Church Sanctuary.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Parish Hall – 10:00am.

Men's Cursillo Grouping - Parish Hall - Thursday 7:30 am

Rug Hookers – Parish Hall - Thursdays 10 am

### Dates for your calendar

**April 22** Earth Day; Joint Service and picnic at Eagle Lake Park, 12 noon.

**April 26** Temple B'nai Israel Spring Floral Sip & Shop Event, 1-4pm Shopping, Snacks, Sips & Schmoozing!

**May 16** "Friendly Feud" social event, St. John's and St. Paul's; details to follow.

**May 24** Pentecost, Anniversary of St. Paul's coming to St. John's; Joint service at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Anne Harmon and The Rev. Andrew Gerns.

**September 11** St. John's 60th Birthday

**September 13** Visitation of The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf



**The Diocese of Southwest Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, Bishop**

**St. John's Mission Statement:**

*To love, to serve, to grow in Christ*

**Church Staff**

Supply Priest

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Music Director

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The Rev. Anne Harman

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Jan Davis

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