

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 and 10:30 am • April 7, 2024

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THE VOLUNTARY: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626

J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 195. Jesus lives! thy terrors now

*Mowsley*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

### THE SONG OF PRAISE

8:30 Gloria in excelsis Deo

BCP 356

10:30 205. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing, vv. 1 and 5

(see pew card)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### 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.**

## THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

*After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32–35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 133

*We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1–2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us -- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*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 HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Phillip Bass

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BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In his victory over death, Christ Jesus gives us the blessing of new life. Let us offer our prayers for new life for all the world, saying: Savior, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God: Guide our hearts, that our witness to your abundant love will bring reconciliation to the Church. Guide our feet to those places where the awareness of your loving presence is needed. Guide our hands to those who need your loving touch. Guide and sustain Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our bishops; Stephanie, Cathy, Phillip and Ryan, our parish clergy; and all your ministers.

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Justice; Guide this nation toward a path of justice for all peoples and grant all those in authority the desire to seek the common good so that the barriers which divide us may disappear.

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Mercy: Open our eyes to the poor, the destitute and the homeless and to victims of racism, exploitation or violence in any form. Sustain us in our efforts to combat fear, prejudice and ignorance in ourselves and in others.

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God: Open our eyes to the renewing work of your Spirit, that we may see in the beauty of spring flowers your promise of new life. Fill us with such reverence and awe for the mysteries of our world that we will strive to be faithful stewards of our natural resources.

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God: Open our hearts to your love each day as we live together in community, that we may see your face in our neighbors. Deliver us from pride,

pretense, or self-occupation, so that our time and energy may be spent seeking your wisdom in the service of others.

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Healing: Guide us to those who suffer and send your healing touch on those who are broken in body or spirit.

For the sick in our church community: Alice, Alice, Beth, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Don, Jack, Jan, Jane, Joan, Judy, Karen, Lloyd, Loren, Maggie, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Mike, Nancy, Pam, Sherry, Steve, Steve, and those others we name now. *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our families, friends, and neighbors: Anna, Anthony, Beth, Buddy, Chase, Christine, Danielle, Destiny, Evonne, Faye, Gayle, Gemma, Gioia, Herb, Jane, Joe, John, John, Kate, Kelvin, Laura-Benton, Licia, Michelle, Mike, Mike, Roy, Sara, Sylvia, Todd, Vivian, Wyllis, and those others we name now. *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died: Henry Hamman, Virginia Hedrick, Coral Taylor, Emily Steinhoff James, and those others we name now. *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Glory: Accept our heartfelt thanksgivings for the many blessings you have bestowed on us by your grace. We give thanks for our time together in this place as we prepare to be faithful servants of your Word. We give thanks for the joy of spring, for the expected children of Catherine & Patrick, and Kristen & Bailey, and for those things for which we now give you praise, either silently or aloud. *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Savior, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide us and sustain us, Almighty God, and grant us knowledge of the power of your love that has turned death into life, so that we may die daily to ourselves and live eternally in your Light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: 206. O sons and daughters

*O filii et filiae*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30    BCP 367

10:30    S-130, Schubert (see pew card)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary Version

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:30    S-168, Schubert (see pew card)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 212. Awake, arise, lift up your voice

*Richmond*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:*

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

THE VOLUNTARY: Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

J. S. Bach

YOUR GIVING	\$7,419.57	operating income
	– \$9,927.00	operating expenses (2024 budget)
Week of March 31	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(\$2,507.43)	net shortfall

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

*Wardens* George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

*Members* David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Julian McKimmon, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga

*Officers* Mike Rhaney (Treasurer), Anne Stokes (Clerk)



## QUICK LINKS

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Phillip Bass
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster
LECTORS	Viola Baldwin (8:30)
	Marcia Perry, Emily Jividen (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Helen Armstrong (8:30)
	Jeremy Clos, Rick Burts (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Jeremy Clos
TORCHES (10:30)	Logan Lee, Reese Baker
BANNER (10:30)	Liam Clay
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gail Till
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Rick Burts
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Sam Wesonga

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### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy	Co-interim Rector
The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats	Co-interim Rector
The Rev. Phillip Bass	Associate Rector
The Rev. Ryan Parker	Priest Associate
Jeremy Clos	Lay Associate for Christian Formation
Bradley Burgess	Lay Associate for Music, Communications, and Administration
Nancy Reed	Business Manager
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