

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 8, 2018
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 8:00 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

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Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The First Letter of John. (1:1—2:2)

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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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

- 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.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *stand*
(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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Luke Jernagan

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The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: Gathered together in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the peace of the world, that all humanity may live in freedom with justice and dignity, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the unity of the church in Christ Jesus, that we may be one in Christ as Christ is one with God; and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Luke, Kelly and Ian, our clergy; and the members of our parish staff, that they may follow Christ as they seek to serve his church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the apostolic mission of the church, that we may bring all humanity to the knowledge and love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the diaconal ministry of the church, that we may serve one another in Christ's name, remembering especially the ministries of Episcopal City Mission, Magdalene St. Louis, Beyond Housing, and The Haven of Grace, and the people in need whom they each seek to serve, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who need the love and power of Christ, especially Daisy Fennebresque, Jimmy Grimmett, Tom Hoeber, Bobby Leatherman, Sr., Carolyn Miles, Barbara Morriss, Lynne Palan, Lorry Sharp and Alice Vosburgh, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all the saints in glory and all those whom we have known and loved who though dead are alive in Christ, especially Carol Glasgow and Betty Schmid, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.

Announcements

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PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Jimmy Grimmett and Alice Vosburgh.

For Family and Friends: Daisy Fennebresque, Tom Hoeber, Bobby Leatherman, Sr., Carolyn Miles, Barbara Morriss, Lynne Palan and Lorry Sharp.

For the Faithful Departed: Carol Glasgow and Betty Bachle Schmid.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Diane Barnes, Lanney Beecham, Patricia Beseda, Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Lucy Dolan, Prissy Evans, Martha Ferguson, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Marsha Hussung, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkering, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Bryan Miller, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Kristi Simpson, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Becky Brittain von Schrader, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

CHILDCARE is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

RECTOR’S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. This morning and next Sunday we will continue our series on adult Confirmation. Everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – This little service has already had a big impact, and is becoming a meaningful addition to our children’s Sunday morning schedule. All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School!

GREAT PASCHAL VESPERS – This special service for the Easter season is offered **today at 5:00 p.m.** This service is based on the ancient “stational” liturgies of Rome and includes chant, psalms, and hymns that extol the glory of the Risen Christ.

THIS WEEK...

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE – Thanks to Jacquelyn VanWeelden, our Communications Director, and to Charlie Claggett and the Communications Team! Go to www.stpetersepiscopal.org to see our new look!

ST. PETER’S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

MEN’S BREAKFAST – Join us this Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast and conversation!

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program by the AARP, “Don’t fall for a scam.” Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PURSUING GOD – Spiritual Development Group – Interested in growing in your walk with God? Join fellow parishioners on Thursdays at 3-4:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room for an ongoing focus on walking more closely with God.

PRAYER GROUP – Everyone is welcome on Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Elliot Room.

39 AND HOLDING – Empty nesters, retirees, and the young at heart are invited to a potluck dinner this Friday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Libby Weinman. Bring a dish to share and \$3 to cover set-ups, coffee, etc. For more details or to RSVP, contact Libby at blwein@sbcglobal.net or sign up at the Welcome Table today.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SANDWICH MAKERS – Join us in the Undercroft kitchen at 9:30 next Sunday morning to assemble sandwiches for Sunshine Ministries.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – The St. Peter's Choir sings Parts II and III of this masterwork on Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m. in celebration of the Easter season. The free concert, performed with orchestra, includes the famous “Hallelujah” chorus. All are welcome.

YOUTH SUNDAY – On Sunday, April 29th, youth in grades 6 through 12 will lead all lay aspects of the 10:30 Service of Holy Eucharist. This is a time for youth to serve and celebrate their ministry at St. Peter's! Sign up with Maria (mmaguire@stpetersepiscopal.org) to help choose hymns, write the Prayers of the People, or serve as a lector, usher, or Eucharistic Minister.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – **Beyond Housing** is hosting an opportunity for parishioner service and engagement! On Saturday, April 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., adults and high school students are needed to help with set-up, meal prep, and assisting learning activities for young children for the Week of the Young Child. Contact Maria to sign up at mmaguire@stpetersepiscopal.org.

MISSION STAY DOERS – Rising 6th – 8th graders are invited to Be Doers of the Word! From June 19 through 22, St. Peter's middle schoolers will put their faith into action while serving our outreach partners in projects such as organizing, cleaning, trash pick-up, and yard work. Each afternoon will be dedicated to fun adventures around St. Louis, like City Museum, a pool party, the zoo, and a cool surprise! Contact Maria Maguire.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Children ages 4 to 12 will want to join us for St. Peter’s Vacation Bible School, June 4-8, 9:00 a.m. to Noon! Register at stpeterseiscopal.org/vbs2018 or contact ababington@stpeterseiscopal.org.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 - 15, 2018

Sunday	4/ 8		The Second Sunday of Easter
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		12 Noon	Confirmation Lunch & Rehearsal
		5:00 p.m.	Great Paschal Vespers
Tuesday	4/10	7:15 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
		12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	4/11	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	4/12	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		3:00 p.m.	Pursuing God
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	4/13	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
		6:0 p.m.	“39 and Holding” – off-campus
Sunday	4/15		The Third Sunday of Easter
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
		9:30 a.m.	Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist