

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 11-12, 2026  
*Holy Communion*

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND (u) PASSING OF PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP "SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spi - rit of\_ the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the pre - sence of\_ the Lord.

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!**

**C Amen.**

**P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

***Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.***

**Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.**

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **GATHERING HYMN**

## **"GOD IS HERE"**

**1** God is here! As we\_ your people  
meet to of - fer praise\_ and prayer,  
may we find in ful - ler measure  
what it is\_ in Christ\_ we share.  
Here, as in the world\_ around us,  
all our va - ried skills and arts  
wait\_ the coming of\_ the Spirit  
in - to o - pen minds and hearts.

**3** Here our children find\_ a welcome  
in the Shep - herd's flock\_ and fold;  
here as bread and wine\_ are taken,  
Christ sustains\_ us as\_ of old.  
Here the servants of\_ the Servant  
seek in wor - ship to explore  
what\_ it means in dail - y living  
to\_ believe\_ and to adore.

## **GREETING**

**P** May peace be to this house and all who enter here. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## **KYRIE**

**Ref.** Kyrie eleison, on our world\_ and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

**1** For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

**4** For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## **ANTHEM**

## LESSON OF THE DAY

Acts 2:14, 22-32

### The lesson begins:

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'" "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

**P The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Al - leluia, al - lelu - ia, al - leluia, alle - luia.**

## **GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.**

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**SERMON**

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## **SERMON RESPONSE "RESTORE IN US, O GOD"**

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.**

*A brief silence.*

**P Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**P God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**P Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way especially (List). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**P Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.**

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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### **THE OFFERTORY "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"**

**Create in me a clean heart\_, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within\_ me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir-it from\_ me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free\_ Spir-it.**

**Create in me a clean heart\_, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within\_ me.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS (SUNG)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might\_,**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full\_, full\_ of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**P Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.**

**On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

**When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

**P On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith**

**C Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*

**C** Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. A - men.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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**THE COMMUNION** is given and received.

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING HYMN**

## **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

- 1** Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and\_ sadness,  
drive the\_ gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
- 3** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our\_ brother,  
all who\_ live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

## **DISMISSAL**

- A** **Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.**
- C** **To know Christ, and to make Christ known.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



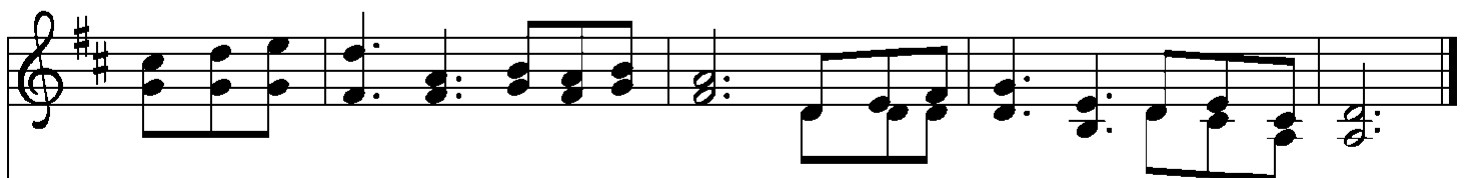
Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



## *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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