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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 12, 2026, 9:30 AM**

*As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.*

**We ask your prayers for:** Bill, The family of Herb Conley, Jennifer, Evan, The family of Charles Simms, Herb, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Linda, Mark, Helen, Sherrie, Candace, Kim, and Ella.

**And for those serving** in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

**See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**—Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**—Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati; and Faith in Life Committee.

**The Altar Arrangements** are given to the Glory of God.

<b>SERVING TODAY. - 4/12/26 - 9:30AM</b>		<b>SERVING NEXT SUN. - 4/19/26 - 9:30AM</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dana Cunningham Barbara O'Hara	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
<b>Reader</b>	Charlie Campbell Jill Davis	<b>Reader</b>	Mary Beth Coker Chuck Berry
<b>Ushers</b>	Linda Miller Jeff Baldrige	<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Filson Mary Beth Coker
<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Shea Sampson	<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Bob Neben
<b>Book</b>	Kathleen Walters	<b>Book</b>	Teena Baldrige

*All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).*

**PRELUDE:** AIR FOR THE G STRING

*J.S. Bach*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL:** HYMN #193, That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

*Puer Nobis*

*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.**

**GLORIA,** HYMNAL #S278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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**

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.*

**FIRST READING:** ACTS 2:14A,22-32

A Reading from Acts

**P**eter, 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.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **THE RESPONSE:** PSALM 16 (*SUNG BY THE CHOIR*)

- 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.

**SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9**

A Reading from 1 Peter

**B**lessed 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*All rise as they are able.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #209, We Walk by Faith, and not by Sight**        *St. Botolph*

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31**

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen 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.**

**HOMILY**

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

*All stand as they are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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** - From the book "*Hear Our Prayer*"

After each petition the people respond with "*Hear Our Prayer*".

*All may stand or kneel*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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**

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

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

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** Let There be Peace on Earth

*Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller*

Let there be Peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be Peace on earth, the Peace that was meant to be.  
With God here among us, Family all are we.  
Let me walk with my Family in perfect harmony.  
Let Peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in Peace eternally,  
Let there be Peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*The People stand*

**HYMN #41** in LEVAS, Christ Has Arisen

*Haya Tune*

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the

tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy. Our sin for -

giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 367

*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.**

*Celebrant*        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 #S128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel as they are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*      **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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 *BCP 364*

FRACTION ANTHEM, #37, from *Enriching Our Music*, volume 1



A - le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us



keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*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.

COMMUNION HYMN: #318, Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*Nyack*

*Please stand or kneel*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**E**ternal 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 OF THE PEOPLE**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL:** HYMN #205, Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*Gelobt sei Gott*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

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

**POSTLUDE:** Trumpet Tune

*Henry Purcell*

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## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Following today's service**, the Easter memorial plants will be removed. If interested, you are free to take one for your garden or to share with a friend.

**Movie Night - Wednesday, April 22** - GREEN BOOK is a 2018 biographical film set in 1962. The movie follows Italian-American bouncer Frank Valletlonga (Viggo Mortensen) who is hired by African American pianist Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) for a tour of concert venues in the Jim Crow Deep South. Green Book received Oscars for Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor and Best Original Screenplay. Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, movie at 6:30 pm and popcorn throughout.

### **2026 Diocesan Rogation Celebration - 10:00 am, Saturday, May 16 at Procter Center**

You are invited to come and celebrate Rogation - a special time when we bless the land as a diocese at Procter Farm!

Bishop White will lead the procession as we visit various stations around Procter that represent our common life together. We will also have a picnic, lawn games, kite flying, fishing, and more! If the weather cooperates we will also offer a Hayride to Procter Woods. Participants are invited to bring soil, water, and seeds from their homes or congregations to share and be blessed.

Registration Deadline: May 11

<https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/annual-dso-rogation-picnic-rsvp-2026/>

Cost: The celebration is free of charge; we ask for donations for meals \$15 per adult and \$10 per child, 5 and older as you are able.

### **Ongoing Outreach Opportunities**


**Socks for Tots** - Socks for Tots benefits homeless preschool children at St. Vincent de Paul's homeless shelter. They are ages 2 - 6 years old. Add your donations to the box in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Food Bank Donations - Your Efforts Make a Difference!** - Please fill yellow donation bags with food (no glass jars please) and personal care items and bring them to church to be blessed and delivered to the Food Bank. Thank you!

**Egg Cartons for the Procter Center** - The Procter Center Farm reuses clean dozen-egg cartons. Please place your donated cartons on the table next to the Parish Hall Library.

**LIONS Recycle For Sight. . . And St. Paul's Helps!** - Do you have old or extra eyeglasses you no longer use? Please bring them to St. Paul's and deposit them in the Lions Club box in the Narthex. Thank you!





You are invited to join  
St. Mark's and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches  
and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior for a  
midday luncheon.

Come share a fun-filled time of socializing, enjoying  
deliciously prepared food, trivia food facts, and  
music!

Door prizes will be awarded. Sign your name on the  
ticket and drop it in the basket for your chance to  
win!

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
33 W. Dixon Avenue

When: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 Reservations due by May 22.  
Questions? Call St. Paul's office at 937-293-1154.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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### WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

### WORSHIP TIMES

**9:30 am** - Worship Service with Hymns

**Office hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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### ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

**Class of 2027** - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

**Class of 2028** - Jill Davis

**Class of 2029** - Cathy Fain, Diane Labrie, Steve Ireland

**Senior Warden** (*term expires 2027*)- Chris Brandt

**Junior Warden** (*term expires 2027*)- Joe Cairo

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