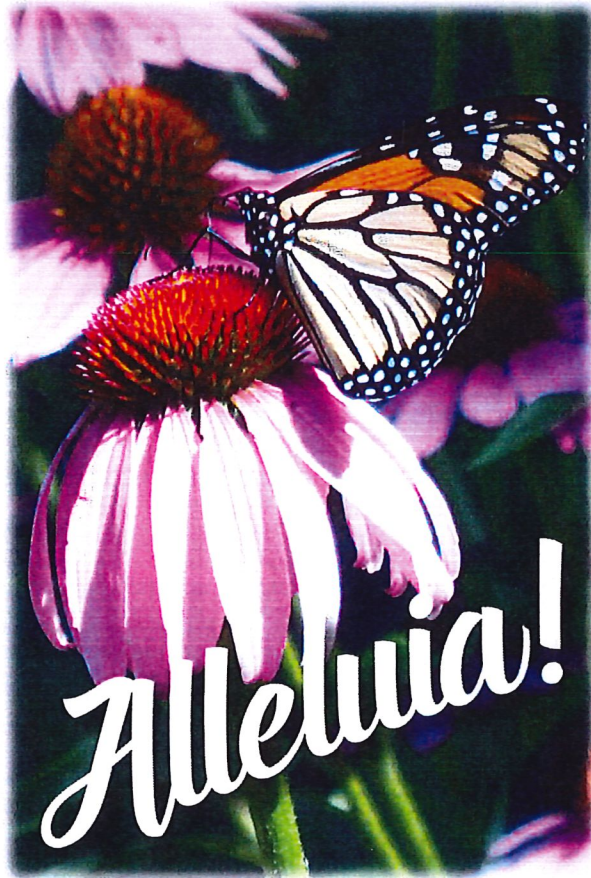


ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 am and 11:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Greeting

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Processional: We Walk By Faith

(Hymn #209)



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra - cious words we hear from
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod; but
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our faith a - bound, to
4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light we



1. him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
2. in his prom - ise we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
4. may be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

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.*



Glory To God ~ S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day: Second Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 224)

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 LESSONS *(You may be seated)*

THE FIRST READING: 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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 133

(BCP Page 787)

Read in unison.

*Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!*

*It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,*

*Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.*

*For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.*



THE SECOND READING 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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



GOSPEL HYMN: I Want to Walk As A Child Of The Light

(Hymn #490)



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je-
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je-
 3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je-



- 1. sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is
 - 2. sus. Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the
 - 3. sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of

Refrain



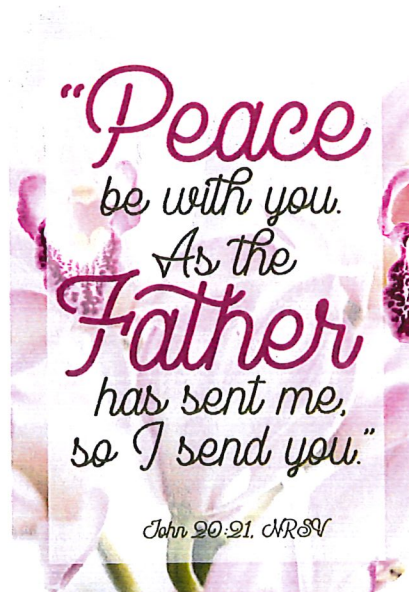
1. Je - sus. In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
 2. Fa - ther.
 3. Je - sus.



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.



. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The congregation stands as are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to you, O Christ.*





All stand as are able.

NICENE
CREED

(BCP Page 358)

*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 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 ~ Form III

(BCP Pages 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively (You may sit or kneel as are able)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;
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;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give 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 Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 395)

The Celebrant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.*

The Celebrant says

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

(BCP Page 360)

All stand as are able.

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

The Celebrant and People will greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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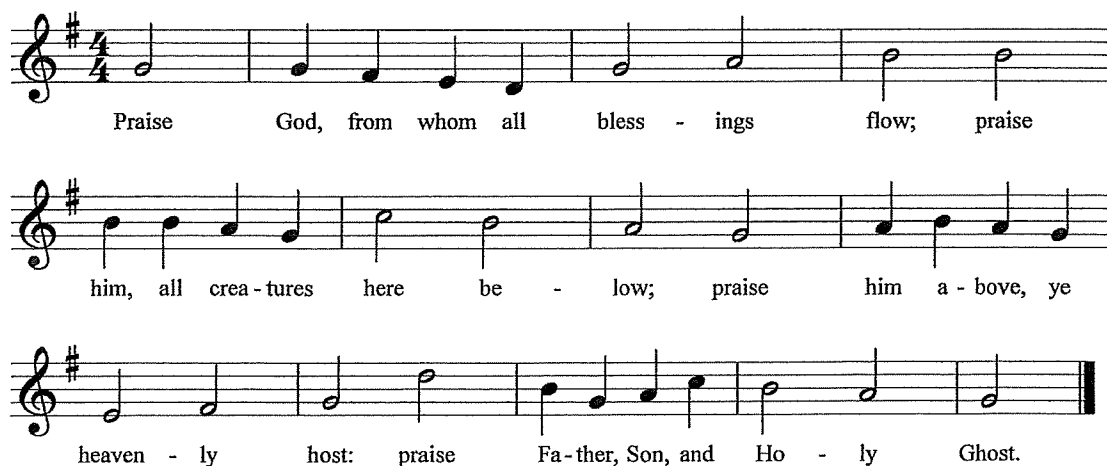
(BCP Pages 372-376)

Offertory Hymn: Instrumental

Doxology

Praise to God

Hymn #380



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Please stand as are able*)

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.*

The Celebrant says

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light
inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all
things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to
rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you
night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and
giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you,
and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
- est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ, Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Peter and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

(C-114)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

*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.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 337)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Instrumental

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing for Easter

(The Book of Occasional Services, Page 26)

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

Recessional: Now The Green Blade Riseth

(Hymn #204)



1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, think - ing that nev - er
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for three days
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, thy touch can call us



1. man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
2. he would wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
3. in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
4. back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*

Lay Readers:

9:00 am ~ John Warren & Vallerie Farmer

11:00 am ~ Aimee Kaduscwicz

Vestry Person of the Day: Elise Olexa

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of the Altar Guild

St. Peter's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines are still in place!

PLEASE

*Wear a mask
Stay 6 feet apart
Sanitize hands and
Use common sense*



We invite one and all to join Father Jim as he leads us on a
Journey in Faith

This 8-week class is for you if:

You're new to the church and would like to learn about the Episcopal faith.

You're a member of the church and would like to renew and deepen your faith and knowledge.

The class will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am beginning April 15th.

Social Distancing protocols are in place. Please let us know your interest in attending, although reservations are NOT required. If this time is not convenient for you, we would like to know, as the formation of another class is a possibility.

Using "An Outline of the Faith" from The Book of Common Prayer,



A new Faith Formation Study is beginning Monday, April 12 at 5:00 pm in person at St. Peter's or by ZOOM.

We will be celebrating & studying the life & ministry of Jesus after the Resurrection. This new Study Group will be led by Carol Frappier, Ruth Douglas & Aimee Kaduscwicz.

If interested, please contact the church office and let us know so we can make sure you receive the information needed!



Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the loving leadership our parish receives from Father Jim, the Office Staff and the Vestry.

*I am thankful,
JoAnn Leonard*



*Happy Birthday to
Murray Tarkington on the 11th;
Susan Morris on the 12th;
Andrea Farmer on the 13th &
Harry Alfeo on the 17th.
Happy Anniversary to
Kathy & James Hendrex on the 11th &
Eileen & Steve Vincent on the 17th.*

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