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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Todd Brewer

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

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*All stand as able***Opening Hymn**

“That Easter day with joy was bright”

[Hymnal 193](#)**The Word of the Lord**

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 in excelsis (*Please stand as able*) “Glory to God”

Hymnal 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 - mighty - 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.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **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 First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, 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.**

Psalm 16



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 be-*fore me*; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not *fall*.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re-*joices*; *
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 ever-*more*.

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed 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.**

Gospel Response

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”
(Verses 1 & 2)

[Hymnal 209](#)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”
(Verses 3 & 4)

[Hymnal 209](#)

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

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

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Celebrant: O Christ Risen! How often have we simply walked through the penitence of Lent, the excitement of Palm Sunday, the passion of Holy Week, and the joyful celebration of your miraculous resurrection, taking it all for granted because it happens for us every year? In this time of trial, open our hearts to truly REJOICE as if for the first time. You have suffered, died, and resurrected for each of us. Thomas saw and believed, let us simply believe in the gift of our salvation. We pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Refresh and renew those who guide us in your church as they seek and find ever more creative ways to reach us with the Good News of the miracle of our salvation. For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts. We pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Grant us new courage to refresh our faith in the eternal life ahead, and the energy to strive in this life to challenge the leaders of this planet, this nation, and this community, to provide a just, safe, and merciful life for all your people. We pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Guide and comfort all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God." We pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Inspire all gathered here out of love for you, that we may know and share the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Ease the hearts of those who are sick or fearful, and grant energy, strength, and resilience to all who give them care. We now join our voices to pray for those in need...

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Our joy at your resurrection is tempered with our grief at the loss of those we love, especially Elizabeth Nash in whose memory the altar flowers are given. Yet in faith we rejoice knowing they are with you in the miracle of their own resurrections into your eternal promise. We pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

Celebrant: Creator of all, seen and unseen, shelter us when we retreat into doubt, remind us to seek your path through this life, to set you always before ourselves, and to forgive as we are forgiven by faith in the imperishable inheritance of our salvation to come. We ask this through Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life; and the Holy Spirit, who together with You, reign as One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

Announcements *Please be seated for the announcements*

- April Birthdays & Anniversaries

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Praise

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus 1

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Tag

Praise for ever to the King of kings

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Doxology *(a cappella)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

For through the risen Jesus Christ, you breathe on us the Holy Spirit of everlasting life. In him, you give us faith to believe in things we cannot yet see or understand. In him, you give us strength and fellowship through the mysteries of the Holy Communion.

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,

Sanctus

William Schull
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1
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,

6
Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,'. The second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.

10
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - - ry. We praise You join -

14
ing our voice to pro - claim Your glo - - ry Ho - sa - na in the

20
high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

26
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na

31
in the high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

37
Ho - sa - na in the high - - est.

You may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant: 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.

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

Celebrant: 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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Praise “How deep the Father’s love for us”

How deep the Father's love for us	Behold the Man upon a cross
How vast beyond all measure	My sin upon His shoulders
That He should give His only Son	Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
To make a wretch His treasure	Call out among the scoffers
How great the pain of searing loss	It was my sin that held Him there
The Father turns His face away	Until it was accomplished
As wounds which mar the Chosen One	His dying breath has brought me life
Bring many sons to glory	I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Communion Praise

“Your Name”

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder*

*'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Lord God our Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: 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.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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 “Awake, arise, lift up your voice”

Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
Let Easter music swell;
Rejoice in Christ, again rejoice
And on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise
The saints their Savior greet;
Nor will they trust their ears and eyes
But by his hands and feet.

Those hands of liberal love indeed
In infinite degree,
Those feet still free to move and bleed
For millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone
As Pilate gave them leave,
Lest dead and friendless and alone
He should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
By seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command
Your host from heaven restored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771); Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Christ Jesus, Our Redeemer”

Johann Christoph Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome - Our preacher & celebrant today is The Rev. Dr. Todd Brewer. Todd is the managing editor of *Mockingbird Magazine* (mbird.com) and a gifted New Testament scholar. His Ph.D. from Durham University explored the Gospels in depth, and his upcoming book on early Christian hermeneutics promises fascinating insights. Todd brings intellect, humor, and warmth to the pulpit.

Parish Potluck Lunch - Following this service, we're building on the energy, laughter, and joy we shared at the Annual Meeting with a special a Easter Season celebration potluck in Crocker Hall.

Ester Flowers - Following the service this morning, please take one of our potted Easter flowers home to enjoy or share with a friend or loved one.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be next Wednesday, April 16th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 157st food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

UPCOMING:

On April 19th, we're starting a new parish-wide event called: "Coffee Hour Conversations." Beginning next Sunday, and for the seven weeks that follow, as a whole parish we're gathering in Crocker Hall between the services for some open discussion about giving. Think of it a bit like a "financial summit" for our congregation - except our focus will be heart, not spreadsheets. Fr. Nate will be **leading these discussions**, alongside Dan Bacon, and our guide for this journey will be Randy Alcorn's inspiring little book: [The Treasure Principle](#).

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, visiting clergy, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

