



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 12, 2026, 9:00AM

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*Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.*

All spoken texts for this liturgy are contained within this printed Service Bulletin; people's parts in **BOLD**.  
Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue, hardcover) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP - green, softcover)  
in the pew rack in front of you. Additional music will be included either printed in the Bulletin or on an Insert.  
Service Music, designated by "S", is found in the front section of The Hymnal 1982.

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Beginning on page 355 of *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP)

Prelude Easter Fanfares Robert Lau

Hymnal 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Tune: *Gelobt sei Gott*

The Easter Acclamation

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

Hymnal S-280 *Gloria in excelsis* Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 224

*Presider:* May God be with you.

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

*Presider:* 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.**

A Reading from the book of 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."

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Psalm 16 *read responsively by whole verse*

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| 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *<br>I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,<br>my good above all other." | 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *<br>my heart teaches me, night after night.                                                     |
| 2 <b>All my delight is upon the godly that are in<br/>the land, * upon those who are noble<br/>among the people.</b>        | 8 <b>I have set the LORD always before me; *<br/>because he is at my right hand I shall not<br/>fall.</b>                                      |
| 3 But those who run after other gods *<br>shall have their troubles multiplied.                                             | 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit<br>rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.                                                  |
| 4 <b>Their libations of blood I will not offer, *<br/>nor take the names of their gods upon my<br/>lips.</b>                | 10 <b>For you will not abandon me to the grave, *<br/>nor let your holy one see the Pit.</b>                                                   |
| 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *<br>it is you who uphold my lot.                                                  | 11 You will show me the path of life; *<br>in your presence there is fullness of joy, and<br>in your right hand are pleasures for<br>evermore. |
| 6 <b>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *<br/>indeed, I have a goodly heritage.</b>                                     |                                                                                                                                                |

A Reading from the first letter of 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.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Hymnal 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

Tune: *St. Botolph*

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (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.

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Sue Lederhouse

The Nicene Creed *all standing, as you are able*

BCP p. 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.**

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively*

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 you 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 to the departed eternal rest, especially Margaret Credit and Robert Gaston;

**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.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for churches of the Charles River Deanery, including All Saints Parish, Brookline; Church of Our Saviour, Brookline; St. Paul's Church, Brookline; Boston University Chaplain, Boston; and The Church Home Society.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Michael Bassett, Sam Bennett, Ann Brown, Karen Butler, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Sam Cohen, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Laura DeCaprio, Robert Gaston, Amelia Goodfield, Betty Hadfield, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Donna Jacobs, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, Stephen Mazzur, Ron Ruggiero, Tara Russell, Elizabeth Salome, Kimberly Schoener, Stephen Shuart, Kathleen Vogt, Dianne Wade, and Debby Waugh; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

*Silence*

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

*The Presider adds the concluding Collect*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### The Peace

Presider: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

### Offertory

Hymnal 188

Love's redeeming work is done

Tune: *Savannah*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Savannah, from Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1760

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer “B”

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Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

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,

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

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 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.**

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.**

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So come if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at His table. These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

*Please follow the Usher's guidance to come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail, as you are able.*

*First, the priest will place the wafer/bread (gluten-free on request) in your outstretched hand. The Eucharistic Minister will then offer you the cup (containing wine), from which you are invited to sip. If you prefer, you may carefully intinct (dip) the wafer in the cup. If you are unable or prefer not to receive from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest and the Eucharistic Minister will say the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" in front of you. Please be assured that no matter how you receive – bread and wine, bread or wine only, or spiritually, you will receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament today, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a Blessing in the name of the One God.*

Hymnal 318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Tune: *Nyack*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

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**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.**

The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Hymnal 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Tune: *Truro*

The Dismissal

*Presider:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Voluntary on *Ellacombe*

Nigel Williams

*We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Sue Lederhouse as our Presider and Preacher this morning while Father Scott and Julie share time with visiting family following their wedding, yesterday.*

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given in memory of  
John and Sybil Sembrowich by Nita Sembrowich.*

**Thank you to those serving today**

Elizabeth Salome, lector/intercessor; Meg Pappas and Sandy Allard, greeters/ushers  
Deborah Aylesworth, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Bill and Cathy Walsman, coffee fellowship; Mary Ellen Eichmann, flower delivery  
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

**Those serving on April 19**

Dave Hardiman, lector/intercessor; TBD greeters/ushers  
Lisa DeLong, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Meg Pappas and Mary Ann Richards, coffee fellowship; Cathy Walsman, flower delivery  
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

**News & Noteworthy**

**Dates of Note**

- TODAY, April 12 – Services begin at 9:00am today and through the summer and early fall
- Sunday, April 19, 11:30am – Vestry meeting

**Ongoing**

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers' Gathering; the current book is a biography of Eleanor Roosevelt by David Michaelis
- Thursdays, 5:00pm -- choir rehearsals

**Office Hours** -- Week of April 12 – Tuesday–Friday, 10:00–2:00pm

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** -- The committee for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has been meeting. A time capsule is one of our ideas. To start collecting items for the time capsule, a basket has been placed on the table in the Centennial Celebration corner. Some of the ideas for the time capsule include:

- an annual report
- a few bulletins
- photos

Please start adding items you would like to have placed in the time capsule!

As an additional initiative to celebrate our 100 years, we are encouraging everyone to perform acts of kindness. Our goal is 100 acts of kindness! There are tags on the Centennial table for you to note your act of kindness and hang the tag on the branches of our "tree." Hopefully we'll have more than 100 acts of kindness. One example of an idea of an act of kindness would be to support the Family Pantry by adding one or more of the 100 of the personal care items they are seeking, such as soap, toothpaste, etc.

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**Noah's Ark Thrift Shop** -- Winter is over at the shop! We have put out spring/summer clothing and are ready for customers! Please remember us when you start getting your spring/summer clothes out as we can use them now! A big thank you to Mary Ann Richards, Cathy Walsman, Dave Truesdale, and Margie Paist for helping us with the changeover in the shop from winter to spring, and to Dave Callaghan for lugging over 20 bags out to the Salvation Army Box! A big job, but we got it done!  
--Dottie, Betty Ann and Meg

### **Building Use**

- Every other Tuesday or Wednesday, 6:00pm – Scouts
- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting
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