

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 27, 2025

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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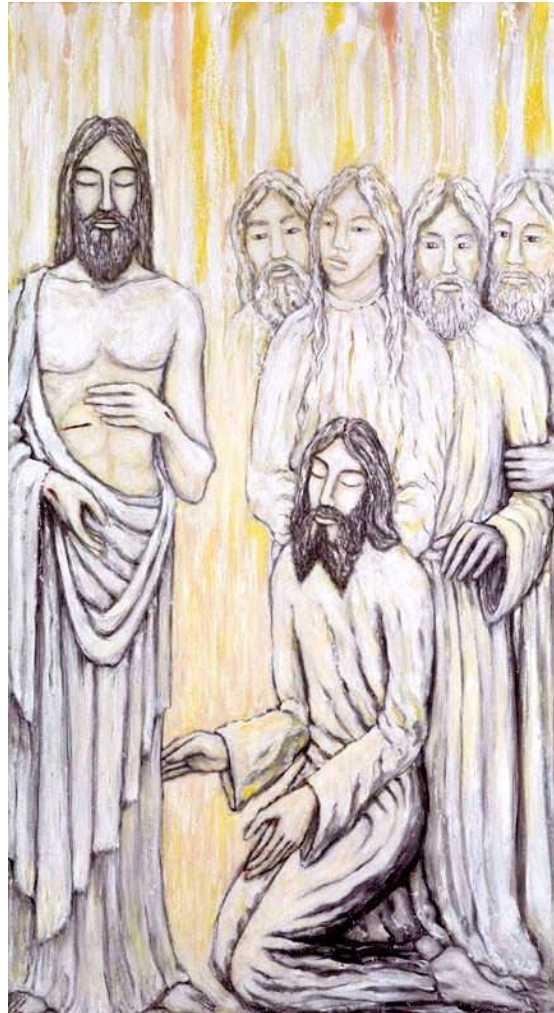
10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude: *Beauty of Life* - Gabrielle
Peterson

Welcome, Announcements &
Territorial Acknowledgement

*We come to silence at the sound of the
gong.*

*To request specific prayers during the
service, please fill out a prayer card
and place it in the prayer basket in the
narthex.*



*Image: Rossakiewicz, Jacek Andrzej. "Jesus
Appears to Thomas" (Poland)*

Opening Hymn: CP206 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (omit v 3)

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Presider May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.
All May our hearts be filled with joy.
Presider Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.

Children's Talk

Act of Praise:

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye, the Lord! (Repeat)
Praise ye, the Lord! Hallelujah! (repeat x3)
Praise ye the Lord!

Collect of the Day

Presider O God, our beginning and our end:
accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: 2 Kings 7:1-16

Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the LORD: Tomorrow about this time a measure of choice meal shall be sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria." Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "Even if the LORD were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it."

Now there were four men with a defiling skin disease outside the city gate who said to one another, "Why should we sit here until we die? If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there, but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live, and if they kill us, we shall but die." So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp, but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp there was no one there at all. For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to

one another, "The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us." So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. When these diseased men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it and went and hid them. Then they said to one another, "What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household." So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, "We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were." Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. The king got up in the night and said to his servants, "I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving, so they left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city.'" One of his servants said, "Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out." So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, "Go and find out." So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king.

Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Reader Why are the nations in an uproar? *

All Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the rulers of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *

against the Lord and the Lord's anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say; *

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

The One enthroned in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
Then God speaks to them in wrath, *
and the divine rage fills them with terror.
"I myself have set my anointed *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
Let me announce the decree of the Lord, *
**who said to me, "You are my heir;
this day have I begotten you.**
Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance*
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
And now, you monarchs, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and bow with trembling before the presence of the Lord;
lest God be angry and you perish; *
for the divine wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are they all *
who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Gradual Hymn: CP244 *We Walk By Faith*

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Acclamation: VU958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Halle, halle, halle-lu jah! x3
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Homily

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you."
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: CP456 *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* (tune: CP455)

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

All Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: Island Liturgy "C"

Presider The Lord is here.

All God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,
for you create all things
and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.
And even though we turn from you,
again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.
You sent Jesus among us,
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us — Jesus suffered the cross,
died, and in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed family.

Your Holy Spirit descended
and continues to give life to your church.
And so we gather around your table,
with all the saints
and with all Creation
we sing the hymn of your unending love:

All **Holy, holy, holy, God of power, of power and might,**
(Please see insert) **heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2
Blessed, blessed, blessed,
Blessed is the one coming in the name,
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2

Presider To you be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you:
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
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,
poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this to remember me.

Presider Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Presider Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept
this, our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

Unite us in Christ and give us your love
that we might be strengthened to do your work
as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer,
in the power of the Spirit,
all praise and glory be yours, Creator God,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (chant) – *see blue insert*

**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

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.
The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion most Sundays. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.

Communion Music: *Agnus Dei / Lamb of God*—see blue insert (Bell, St. Bride setting)

CP548 *Eye Has Not Seen*

CP360 *Bless the Lord My Soul*

Anthem: *Calm Me* - Rizza

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer after Communion

Presider Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light after the night,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so
that we may show your glory to all the world, through
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a
glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the
risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God: creating, redeeming and sustaining,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: VU482 *Shout for Joy*

Shout for Joy

1 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast,
 2 No more doubt - ing, no more sense - less dread:
 3 Cel - e - brate with saints who dine on high,
 4 Praise the Mak - er, praise the Mak - er's Son,

heaven's own fare has fed the last and least,
 God's good self has graced our wine and bread,
 wit - ness - es that love can nev - er die.
 praise the Spir - it three yet ev - er one;

Christ's own peace is shared a - gain on earth,
 all the won - der heaven has kept in store
 "Hal - le - lu - jah!" thus their voic - es ring.
 praise the God whose food and friends a - vow

(Optional bass) is shared on earth;
 has kept in store
 — voic - es ring:
 whose friends a - vow

God the Spir - it fills us with new worth.
 now is ours to keep for ev - er - more.
 Noth - ing less in grat - i - tude we bring.
 heaven starts here! The king - dom beck - ons now!

Dismissal

Assistant Let us go forth into the world—rejoicing in the Risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: *Hornpipe (from Water Music)* - Handel



*The flowers are given by Jeanette Muzio for the glory of God,
and in remembrance of her family's Holocaust victims.*

	8am	10am
Presider	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Don Walls
Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Fran Pollett
First Reading	Leslie Glazier	Angela Buckingham
Psalm	Marilyn Pattison	Kathleen von Kanel
Second Reading	Linda Sproule-Jones	Michael Murgatroyd
Intercessor	Jane Turpie	Jeanette Muzio
Administrants	John Oldale	Daniel von Kanel, Bruce Winter
Liturgical Assistant	John Oldale	Joy Warkentin
Greeter	Jane Turpie	Colin Millar, Mary Moffitt
Technical Assistant		Peter Rowand
Counter		Steve Koning
Supervisor		Cedric Trueman
Chancel Guild		Margaret Smart/Darlene Fisher
Altar Bread		Kathleen von Kanel/Joan Collis
Healing Prayers		Lynn Alexander, Sue Morrison

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