

2nd Sunday of Easter
11:15 a.m. 12 April 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary **Prelude on *Easter Hymn***, Op. 88, No. 4
Charles V. Stanford

Awake, arise, lift up your voice (*Stand*)..... **Hymn 212**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Song of Praise **Christ our Passover**
Jeffrey H. Rickard

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for
us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

All repeat the refrain

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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

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.” [Acts 2:14a, 22-32]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Edward Bairstow.

- 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.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

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. [1 Peter 1:3-9]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

We walk by faith, and not by sight

 (*Stand*) **Hymn 209**

The Gospel

Gospeller 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.

[John 20:19-31]

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(Stand)*.....**BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People *(Kneel)*

At the end of each petition

Leader Our Lord and our God,
People have mercy on us.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Peace..... **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory***O sacrum convivium***
 Kevin Allen

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts *(Stand)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
 Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
 Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eucharistic Prayer D **BCP 372**

The Sanctus **Hymn S 125**

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP 364**

The Fraction Anthem The disciples knew the Lord
 Gary James

Antiphon is first sung by the choir, then repeated by all.



Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia,
 is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns..... **206, 192, 472**

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Kneel)*..... **BCP 365**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this
 Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that
 those to whom you go may share with us in the
 communion of Christ’s body and blood.
People We who are many are one body, because we all share
 one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Jesus lives! thy terrors now *(Stand)* **Hymn 194**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary.....**Allegro assai vivace (Sonata in F minor)**
 Felix Mendelssohn

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Jan Patrick Garnier.*

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary
service is livestreamed
 7:30 p.m.....Sung ComplineSanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)..... Chapel
with Healing Prayer
 5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Mtr. Leslie Roraback, Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Ray, Nathanael Lyle, Chris, Ken Mac, Maryanne, Nancee, Johnny, the Stanley family

The Departed: Sharon Lyle

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Joe Bakker, Deacon; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian