

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*10:45 a.m. April 11, 2021*

### HOLY EUCHARIST

*All directions about standing and kneeling are for those who are able.*

**PRELUDE** *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*  
**ARRANGED BY JEAN FRANCOIS DANDRIEU AND MICHAEL BEDFORD**

*The People stand as the ministers enter.*

#### THE PROCESSION

#### WELCOME

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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; thought Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

*Spoken in unison*

PSALM 133

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

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

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

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

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON

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.

*The lector concludes the reading and the People respond: Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL MUSIC**     *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight*     **ST. BOTOLPH**  
*“We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as non e’er spoke; but we believe him near.”*

*To honor the teachings of Jesus, all turn to face the Gospel procession.*

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

## THE SERMON

THE REV. CHRISTINE GILSON

*Silence is observed following the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*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 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## FROM “FEASTING ON THE WORD”

*Reader* Living God, giver of life, hear as we pray, saying, Pour out your blessing,  
O Lord; send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for the church ... Let your church be a living sign of the  
woundedness and healing of Christ, sharing the gift of forgiveness and the  
gospel of reconciliation. Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

*People* **Send us your Spirit of peace.**

*Reader* We pray for the earth ... help us to see the scars of death that mark your good creation, and to seek the blessing of life that you offer to all creatures. Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

*People* **Send us your Spirit of peace.**

*Reader* We pray for all nations ... Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity, and anoint us with your wisdom so that we may seek the ways of life. Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

*People* **Send us your Spirit of peace.**

*Reader* We pray for this community ... Give us a vision of the common good: not clinging to our own possessions but seeking the fullness of life for all as a testimony to Christ's resurrection. Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

*People* **Send us your Spirit of peace.**

*Reader* We pray for loved ones ... Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's light so that our fellowship may be true and our joy may be complete. Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

*People* **Send us your Spirit of peace.**

*Reader* By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

*All* **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## **MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**ARRANGED BY MICHAEL BURKHARDT**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

*Celebrant* God 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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now 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 celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## **THE FRACTION**

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

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

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Spiritual Communion is the devotional practice of asking to receive the inward and spiritual grace of Holy Communion when circumstances impede us from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.*

*All*            **Risen Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace and let us never be separated from you. Amen.**

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*Hymns of the Easter Season*

*At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant*    *Let us pray.*

*All*            **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
You have graciously accepted us a 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.**

## EASTER BLESSING

May our Loving God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's 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; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING MUSIC**    *With High Delight Let us Unite*                      **ARRANGED BY JOHN LEAVITT**

**DISMISSAL**

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

*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

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## PRAYERS

**Pray for those serving in the military:** Alexis (Lexi) Reed, Will Corkins, and J. David Anderson-Lusk.

**Pray for those who have died:** Marsha Bacon; Nancy Rollins; Christopher "Chris" Erickson, son of Jennifer and Mark Erickson; David T. Childs, The Rev. Wayne Blakely, Jeff Gibson, (son of Deacon Barbara Gibson), Larry Edwin Rahal (father of Nancy Carroll), and Caroline Rudnick-Rowley (wife of Bruce, mother of William and Madeline).

**Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity:** Pray for Vince Nix, the son-in-law of Buck and Gladys Alley. Pray for Marge Rine, her son Wes, and the rest of their family. Pray also for Dal Harrison, her husband Rick, and their family. Pray for Joan Janzen and her daughter, Catherine. Please continue in your prayers for the recovery of Gary, Bill, and Pete. Lift up all people with COVID-19 and all health care workers. Please pray for Pam, LouAnn M., Jayne, Iola, Martha, Betty, Gus, Jessica, Bob, Joe, Jean, Jerry, Teresa, Larry S., Jan and Joan, Mary, Joann and Mike and their granddaughter, George; George II, Christina, Bill, Floyd, Gene, George, Jean, Jan and family.

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email [office@stjameswichita.org](mailto:office@stjameswichita.org).

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