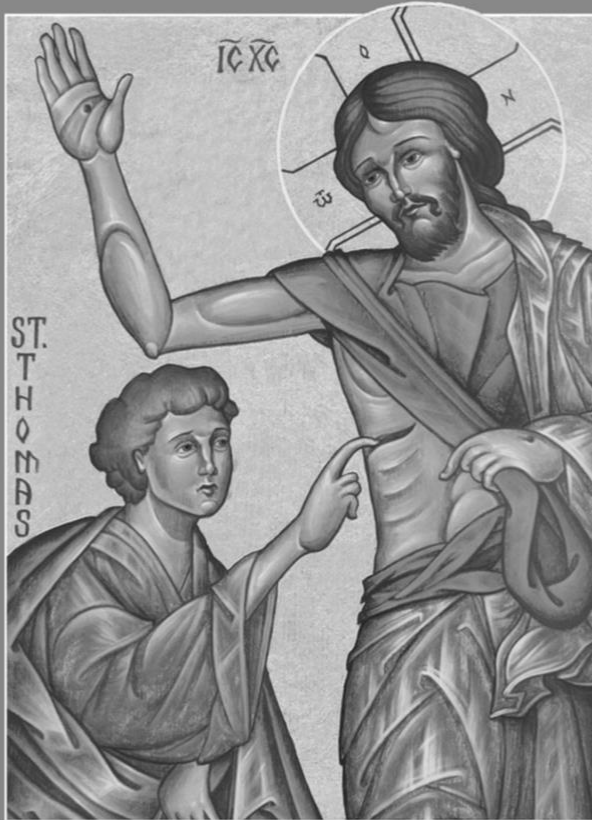


# Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



**Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan**  
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**The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
**The Rev. Dr. Richard Effinger**



**Hymn 212****Awake, arise, lift up your voice****The Word of God***Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant and People:* **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.**

**S280 Gloria in excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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***Celebrant:* The Lord 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.**

## **The First Reading**

**Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 150**

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

## **The Epistle**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**   **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 206 (vv. 1-3) Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing!**

**The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

*Celebrant:*   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.

*Celebrant:*   The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn 206 (vv. 4-6) Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing!**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Richard Effinger

**The Nicene Creed**

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**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 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 (Form III)**

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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.**

Remembering Sean, our presiding bishop, Douglas, our bishop, and Rick, our priest, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your 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.

**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.**

Remembering especially Pope Francis and those we name now either on our lips or in hearts, give to the departed eternal rest.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

### **Collect**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**                      BCP p. 360

*Celebrant:*     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*(Share a greeting, a wave, a nod with your fellow parishioners.)*

### **Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**Offertory Anthem**                      *Andante*                      Leibrecht Baumert

### **Festival Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him all creatures here below.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving**      Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.**

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:

**Sanctus S129**

**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.**

*Stand or kneel as you are able.*

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 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.**

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

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **Hymn S155**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Hymn 328                      Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Hymn 208                      Alleluia! The strife is o'er**

#### **The 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!

#### **Postlude**

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J. T. Darwall

***Thank you for worshiping with us today***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Read more in the eNews)**

### **Fellowship**

Please join us for fellowship after the service. It's a wonderful time to enjoy each other's company and have something light to eat.

### **Healing Eucharist**

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - 12:05 pm in the Chapel.

### **April Outreach Collection: Lunch Box Favorites!**

This month, we're focusing on *lunch-time essentials* to support local families in need. Our April outreach collection includes non-perishable lunch items such as:

Peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna or chicken, crackers and canned soups, pickles and relish, applesauce and fruit cups, granola bars and trail mix

These items help provide quick, nutritious meals for children and adults alike. All donations will be shared with those experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

