



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 205

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Gelobt sei Gott

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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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 Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 994

Commentary: On Pentecost, Peter, newly indwelt by the Holy Spirit, addressed the assembled crowd in Jerusalem. In this part of his speech, Peter cited two proofs that Jesus was the Messiah: His miracles and His resurrection. Jesus' miracles bore witness to the fact that God had empowered Him and His ministry. Peter pointed out that Jesus' crucifixion had been no accident but was part of God's eternal plan. It was impossible for death to hold Jesus because He had committed no sin. Jesus had not personally earned the wages of sin, but He voluntarily took upon Himself the sins of others. Peter referred to Psalm 16 as Old Testament prophecy of Jesus' resurrection.

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

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

After the Reading, the children leave for Children’s Chapel

Sequence Hymn

“On this day the Lord has acted”

*After the piano introduces the theme,
the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.*



Verse



Psalm 118:24

All repeat the Alleluias.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31

NRSV, p. 991

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Hymn 297

“Descend, O Spirit, purging flame”

Erhalt uns, Herr

**THE HOLY BAPTISM
OF
MARGARET AYERS CLARK**

*Ellison & Cullen Clark, Parents
Ray Allen Killian, III & Austin Lee White, Godparents*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Margaret Ayers Clark to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Mackie who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

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Celebrant Let us now pray for Mackie who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver Mackie, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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Celebrant Mackie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Mackie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Thomas Foster; *arr.* John Sullivan

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary, Christ has risen from the tomb;
on the cross a suffering victim, now as victor he is come.
Whom your tears in death were mourning, welcome with your smiles returning.
Let your alleluias rise!

Raise your weary eyelids, Mary, see him living evermore;
see his countenance, how gracious, see the wounds for you he bore.
All the glory of the morning pales before those wounds redeeming.
Let your alleluias rise!

Life is yours for ever, Mary, for your light is come once more
and the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour.
Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow.
Let your alleluias rise.

~Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles, alt.

Presentation Hymn 618

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones" *fourth stanza only*

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems ech - o -
ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heav- en, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

"Holy, holy, holy Lord"

John Sullivan

Organ:
All sing:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

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,

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

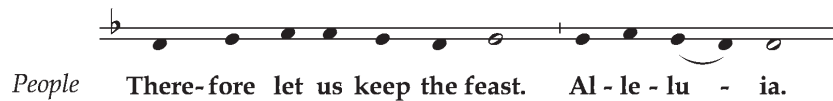
The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem S-152 "Christ our Passover"

Ambrosian chant

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 209	"We walk by faith, and not by sight"	<i>St. Botolph</i>
Hymn 188	"Love's redeeming work is done"	<i>Savannah</i>
Hymn 178	"Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The 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.**

Closing Hymn 492

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Finnian

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Children's Chapel: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Organist and Choir Director: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Andrew Abbott McArtor and Rebekah Gentry.*

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS** - Helping Our Neighbor: The Healing Place of New Hanover County Guest - Speaker: Brian Mingia, Director of The Healing Place of NHC - *The Lippitt Room or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS** - What does it mean to love self? - *The Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie's Office*
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3's & 4's): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*

TONIGHT

- **SJP YOUTH: SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** *April 16 | 5:00 p.m. | "Dining Out" at Flaming Amy's 4002 Oleander Dr.*
- **FULL-COURT FELLOWSHIP** *April 16 | 7:15-9:00 p.m. | Lee Perry Hall*
- **GLORY RIDGE REGISTRATION IS OPEN** - 6th through 12th graders & interested adults. Contact Cookie! Cookie@stjamesp.org

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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