

## **The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025 11:30 am**

### **Holy Eucharist Rite I**

*Hymn # 175*

*Hail thee, festival day*

The Opening Acclamation  
*Gloria in excelsis S 204*

BCP 323

#### **The Collect of the Day:**

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 WORD OF GOD**

#### **The First Lesson: 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.*

## Psalm 118:14-29

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## **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 #209**

*We walk by faith and not by sight*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to John

People:    *Glory be to thee. O Lord.*

## **The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

**Discernment Prayer (NEW):**

*Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this*

*discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Exchange of the Peace

***Anthem***

***Organist and Choir***

***Doxology***

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II)      BCP 340  
***Sanctus S114***

The Lord's Prayer      BCP 336

***The Fraction Anthem S154***

Communion of the People

***Communion Hymn #193***      ***That Easter day with joy was bright***

Post Communion Prayer      BCP 339

The Blessing

***Hymn #180***      ***He is risen, he is risen!***

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979  
Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### **Prayers for a New Priest**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### **Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Randy Maurer, Toby Weiss, and Delbert Hess..

### **Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Carol Adams, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Daniel Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Brooklyn Balamuta & Family, Jim Russell, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt.

## **Readers and Greeters — May-June 2025**

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

### **Sunday Readers**

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Lacko & Colleen curry
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joann Lacko & Colleen Curry
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert

## **Sunday Greeters & Ushers**

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies for our reception after the 11:30 am Easter Service. Thank you also for your donations of Easter Candy filled eggs and quarters The Children had a great time! A special “Thank You” to Tina Grata and Family for filling the Easter eggs!



## Flower and Plant Fund Raiser

Once again the Women of St. Mark's are having a fundraiser together with Stuver's Riverside Nursery. We will be offering Stuver's coupons for a flat of annual flowers (8 market packs) for \$14.50 and coupons for a hanging basket/pouch for \$19.00.

**There are a few changes to the program this year:**

- **FLAT COUPONS WILL BE FOR FLATS (8 MARKET PACKS) OF ANNUAL FLOWERS ONLY.**  
(Perennials are not included in the fundraiser.)
- **ANNUAL FLOWERS SOLD IN 4 1/2" POTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FUNDRAISER.** (They will be sold individually.)
- **THERE WILL BE NO MIXING OF FLOWER AND VEGETABLE MARKET PACKS TO MAKE UP A FLAT.**

Coupons for Flats of vegetables are \$16.50 and can be purchased with a Flat Coupon and an additional \$2.00. **Flowers and vegetables cannot be mixed in one flat because of the price difference.** For best selection, it is recommended that you shop early.

## GIFT COUPONS ARE THE PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

## Sunday: The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Holy Eucharist I

## Next Sunday: The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Holy Eucharist II

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### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty, The Rev. Jonathan Jensen, the Rev. Cameron Soulis, the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, The Rev. Deanna Briody, The Rev. Carol Henley, the Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker (ELCA);  
and the Bookstore at Calvary

### Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of  
Jack Slater  
Perpetual Flowers  
&

In Loving memory of  
Alfred Weaver Barratt and Marion Barratt  
Perpetual Flowers

### Next Week's Readings

Acts 9:1-6 (17-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelations 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service***