



# The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☩ Richmond, Virginia

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*Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are so glad you are here. This service of Holy Eucharist follows the order found in the Book of Common Prayer (the red book in the pew rack) beginning on page 323. This bulletin provides page numbers and other information to guide you through the service.*

## The Word of God

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# The Collect and Readings

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## The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 172

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lesson** Acts 2:14a,22-32 *Please sit.*

**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 16** *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 599

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 period of silence is kept.*

**The Gospel** John 20:19-31 *Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. William L. Sachs; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Kathy Brock

## The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available in the narthex (the church vestibule inside the Three Chopt Road entrance) and at Information Central, just outside the parish office.