

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



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The Word of God

The Prelude

Awake, my Heart, with Gladness

arr. Wilbur Held

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 306 Come, risen Lord!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Acts (2:14a,36-41)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (*Prayed responsively, by half verse.*)

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:17-23)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn WLP 763 As we gather at your table (vs 1-2, green hymnal) *Raquel*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn WLP 763 As we gather at your table (vs 3, green hymnal)

Raquel

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and your truth.
May we walk in newness of life.

Teach us to love others in the power of your Spirit.
May we walk in newness of life.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our sister parishes across eastern Massachusetts, including today: All Saints Parish, Church of Our Saviour and St. Paul's Church, Brookline; Boston University Chaplaincy, Boston; and The Church Home Society.

Enliven the Church for its mission **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

We pray for the world: remembering especially those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest, including Iran, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, Nigeria, Venezuela, Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti and our own nation. We pray for those in every land who suffer for the sake of conscience. We remember those suffering from unemployment, fears, dislocation or deportation.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Sally Drew, Joanne Gamble, Bill and Judy Gardiner, Joan Kirkby, Andrew Payne, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Matthew, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, and Pat. We remember all we name before you now. (Pause). God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

We remember those who have died, especially Dick Anderson, Robert Gaston and those we name before you now. (Pause). We remember also with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries. (Pause). Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and your truth.

May we walk in newness of life.

The Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Love is Come Again

French carol, arr. Parker/Shaw

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain.

Love lives again, that with the dead has been.

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again.

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen.

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.

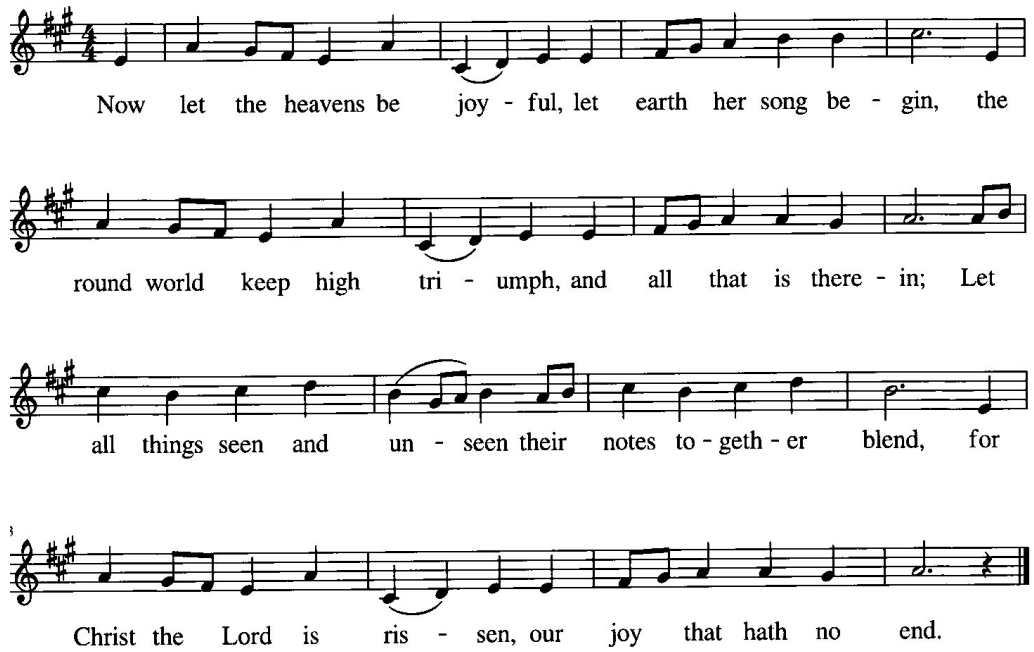
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen.

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 210 Now let the heavens be joyful

Ellacombe



Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin, the
 round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in; Let
 all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend, for
 Christ the Lord is ris - sen, our joy that hath no end.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

*We offer out Eucharistic prayers this morning in thanksgiving to God
 and on this Sunday especially mindful of our children and youth ministry team
 and for those who are completing a multi-week Lenten "Encountering Holy Eucharist" session:*

**Andariel Anna Bethel
 John Wesley Gale
 Quinn Edith Loughran**

**Sylvia Rose Loughran
 Simon Quintero Montoya
 Manolo Quintero Montoya**

Liv Gardner Pratt

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship

People The Lord be with you
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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep, and by your Word, you brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. You sought us out, delivered us from our captivity, and called us to live, once again, in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

Glory and praise to you, holy and living God. In your everlasting mercy, you determined to set us free from sin and death and reveal the riches of your grace. You looked with favor upon Mary your willing servant that she might conceive and bear a Son: Jesus, your holy and eternal Word. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

Then the time came for him to offer upon the Cross the Sacrifice of his life, to be glorified by you, and draw all the world to himself.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, Broke it and gave it to them, and said: *"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: *"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, Do this for the remembrance of me."*

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we remember Christ, crucified and risen; in whom we have been freed from sin and restored to the glory intended for us. In grateful response, we present our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. And breathe your Spirit upon us, that in the abundance of Christ's Life, we may be made your new creation; the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover (S-155)

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;
please make your needs known to the person serving you.*

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 316 This is the hour of banquet and of song

Canticum refectionis

Hymn LEVAS 152 Let us break bread together

Traditional

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

May the God who raises Jesus to new life, raise us up to good works and new faith. **Amen.**

May the God who raises us up, send us out to be holy people in the world. **Amen.**

May the God who sends us out, gather us again at a table in that kingdom which is both now and forever. **Amen.**

And, may the God of all grace, who creates, redeems and sanctifies all things, bless, preserve and keep you both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Postlude

Easter Hymn

arr. Malcolm Archer

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Minister of Music

Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers

Dianne Fromm, Priscilla Isner

Readers

Carol Baffi-Dugan, Doug Fromm, Jean Collins

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