



# ST. JAMES

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Second Sunday of Easter  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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April 12, 2026  
5:00P.M.

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*Welcome!* Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand when the ministers of the service enter*

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

*The appointed Collect of the Day and Lessons are found on the next page.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Hillary Peete

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

The Prayers of the People

*see insert*

The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

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.**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Read responsively by half verse*

Psalm 16

- <sup>1</sup> 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."**
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- <sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**
- <sup>6</sup> 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.**

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

*All stand.*  
John 20:19-31

*Gospeler* 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 Jewish authorities, 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.

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



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# The Prayers of the People Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.  
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul's Church and School,  
New Orleans.  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Dave, Kendall, Ray, Chris, Rod,  
Karen, and those on our prayer list.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially,  
Faith, Jamie, Courtney, Jeanne, Charlotte, Flannery, Taylor, Libby, Karlee, Jane, and Emma, that  
they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your  
providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Georgia Kate Smith and Anatasia Lopez Collet.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*