

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

Entrance Rite	BCP 323
The Collect of the Day	
The Lessons Acts 2.14a, 22-32 (<i>Scripture found in 10:30 section</i>)	Bible 1262
Psalm 16 <i>Conserva me, Domine</i>	BCP 599
I Peter 1.3-9	Bible 1374
John 20.19-31	Bible 1259
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession of Sin	BCP 330
The Peace	
Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP 340
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
The Communion	
Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing	BCP 339
Hymn at the Procession	
Hymnal 209 <i>We Walk by Faith</i>	<i>St. Botolph</i>
Dismissal	

Holy Eucharist and Baptism, Rite Two
10:30 AM
The Word of God

Voluntary		
Jesu, Meine Freude (text hymn #701)		Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)
At the Procession		
Hymnal 210 <i>The Day of Resurrection</i>		<i>Ellacombe</i>
Opening Acclamation		BCP 299
<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
<i>People</i>	<i>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;	
<i>People</i>	<i>There is one hope in God's call to us;</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;	
<i>People</i>	<i>One God and Father of all.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.	

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 First Lesson: Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Bible 1262

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."

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

BCP 599

The choir and congregation chant the psalm.

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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.

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.

The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

At the Sequence Hymnal 232 By All Your Saints
 (see below printed music for 2nd verse text)

Nyland

Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
 2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son

your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
 and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,

You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown
 till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.
 a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Verse 2:

All praise, O Lord, for Thomas
 whose short-lived doubtings prove
 your perfect two-fold nature,
 the depth of your true love.
 To all who live with questions
 a steadfast faith afford;
 and grant us grace to know you,
 made flesh, yet God and Lord.

The Gospel: John 20.19-31

Bible 1259

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the 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.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Oliver Keats Bancroft-Phillips

Blake Andrew Wells

Jesus Loves Me

The Welcome of 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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Deo Dicamus Gratias

Victor C. Johnson

To God, let us say thanks. Let us give praise to the Lord.

At the Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Hymnal S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *Agnus Dei*

Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At the Communion

Hymnal 206 O Sons and Daughters

O filii et filiae

Hymnal 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael

Hymnal 192 This Joyful Eastertide

Vreuchten

Hymnal 435 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

BCP 365

The Blessing

At the Procession

Hymnal 460 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

Voluntary

Lobt Gott, Christen Allzugleich
(Let All Together Praise Our God)

Johann Christian Bach
(1735-1782)

Our Worship

Easter for us is an entire season! On this Second Sunday of Easter, we stretch our celebration out. We remember not only Christ's appearance to Thomas, but also Peter's first sermon in Jerusalem: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Oliver Keats Bancroft-Phillips, son of Alice Phillips & Bryson Bancroft, the baptism of Blake Wells, and in celebration of the 100th birthday of Ginny Hungerford.

A gentle reminder that part of our Anglican worship tradition is keeping a time of quiet before our services begin. Prayers of preparation are found in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 833-834.

Those leading worship at St. John's:

8:00 AM EM: Bill Eccles

10:30 EM 1: Will Grice EM 2: Gordon Schell

Acolytes: Dylan Bell, Anna Bozeman, Henry Koehler, Keating Davison

Greeters: Smith Richardson, George Gallagher

Ushers: Jim Wheeler, George Gallagher, Biff Blocker, Carl Hiller

Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara Jones, Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum

Flower Guild: Susan Hilsman

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

Children's Chapel:

Every Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service, children in 3k, 4k, and 5k, or children not quite ready to fully participate in the service are welcome to join us.

Open to members & visitors! If it is your first time sending your child to Children's Chapel, please attend with them so our teachers can meet you.

New to St. John's? New to Christian faith?

Save the date for an Inquirers' Class on Sundays:

April 19, 26 and May 3 at 9:30 in Room 9

An opportunity to join the church and a party conclude the series.

Wish Ginny a happy 100th birthday!

Join us in sending a special card to celebrate

Ginny Hungerford. Send to:

Ginny Hungerford

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Sunday Formation

9:30 AM

Equipping the Saints: Easter in Emmaus

Multipurpose Room, lower level of Heyward Hall. Luke is really at his storytelling best with Emmaus. Because of that, Emmaus has lent itself to plenty of interpretations, beautiful sermons, and terrific works of art. The goal is to explore the story of Emmaus from a number of different perspectives and media, working toward some thought about the Eucharist and Easter together. This week's discussion will be led by Fr. Ayers.

The Wired Word - *Parlor, First Floor.* Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life.

Faith at Home - *Library, First Floor.* Children in Holy Scripture We'll consider the Bible's wisdom related to children and childhood in this series that runs from January until May. This week will be led by Adam & Lockey Plyler.

9:00 AM

Early Sunday School Class: Davis Bourne leads "The David Story: Shepherd, Father, King" which explores the lives of Israel's first two kings - Saul and David - to discover the Bible's profound lessons about fatherhood, the nature of sin, and the consequences of sin. A delicious breakfast is included. Meeting the first Sunday of each month in the Barr Center Dining Room. *Meeting this morning!*

Family Ministries

Join us for **EYC** this Sunday, April 12.

Middle school 5-6 PM | Dinner 6-6:30 | High School 6:30-7:30

No **Pre-YC** this Sunday, April 12. We'll be back on April 19!

VBS 2026 is Operation Restoration! Children 3k to rising 5th grade are invited to join us June 8-11 from 9AM to 12PM each day. We will learn to be menders in God's world, and learn simple ways to live out faith in daily life. Registration link in the Epistle! Interested in volunteering for VBS? Middle school age and older are welcome to join the fun: Sign up in the Epistle!

News & Events

Women's Study: Ephesians

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 PM, Parlor

In this 7-session study, Bible teachers, authors, and friends Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger walk through the book of Ephesians, examining the invaluable truths Paul's letter holds for us today. Study began April 8, please come join us!

Facilities Scheduling

We would like to inform our parish community that Laura Fowles, our parish administrator will be on vacation April 27-May 7. During this time, availability for scheduling events or use of parish space will be limited. If you anticipate needing space for meetings, gatherings, or events, we kindly ask that all requests be submitted by April 20 to ensure proper coordination. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we plan ahead to best serve our parish community. Email Laura with questions or facility needs.

Volunteer with Family Promise & St. John's

Each April, St. John's partners with St. Martin's to provide meals for the families hosted by Family Promise, a non-profit that supports families who are experiencing homelessness. We'll be providing dinners for the families on Mondays and Wednesdays during the weeks of April 13th and April 27th. Can you provide a meal for a family of 2-3 people? Meals can be dropped off at the church kitchen and we will deliver, or volunteer to help deliver meals to the Family Promise Center. Contact Mary Sherrer for more information and to volunteer: (803) 254-5934 or msherrer3@gmail.com.

Lunch & Learn: April 16, 12 Noon in the Dining Room

Guest: SJE Member, Richard J. Linden (Former Harvard Quarterback, 1996-1999)

"Playing Quarterback in the Ivy League"

Mr. Linden will share stories and insights from his time as a three-year starting quarterback at Harvard University in the late 1990s, reflecting on successes, setbacks, and how he now re-frames these formative years today in life, leadership and faith. Mr. Linden has attended St. John's since 2015; has served as basketball commissioner for the church's youth programs; and is President of a Columbia-based investment firm. Please RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org.

Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, April 19

After the 10:30 service, join us for a delicious brunch in the Barr Center Gym!

Chicken and Waffles,
grits and yogurt bar



Christ's own forever!

Those baptized today

Oliver Keats Bancroft-Phillips

Son of Bryce Bancroft & Alice Phillips



And

Blake Andrew Wells

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