



# The Second Sunday of Easter

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two  
Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 10 a.m.

GATHERING HYMN 199

“Come. Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain”

*St. Kevin*

## OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

# The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

(WLP 880)

*Descant*

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 118:14-29 *Confitemini Domino*

S 411 Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1915)

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my / song, \*  
 and he has become my sal/vation.
- 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 sal / vation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re / jected \*  
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, hos / annah! \*  
Lord, send us now suc / cess.
- 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 ex/alt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is / good; \*  
his mercy endures for / ever.

*Second half of chant*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy / Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A / men.

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>27</sup>When the captain and the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by

hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Silence may follow.*

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

*All stand.*

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Silence may follow.*

Canticle 18 (EOW): A Song to the Lamb  
*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

*Dignus es*

*All stand.*

**Splendor and honor and royal power \***

**are yours by right, O God Most High,**

**For you created everything that is, \***

**and by your will they were created and have their being;**

**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***

**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**

**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***

**a royal priesthood to serve our God.**

**And so, to the One who sits upon the throne, \***

**and to Christ the Lamb,**

**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***

**for ever and for evermore.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the

Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>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.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## THE SERMON

### The Apostles’ Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

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.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



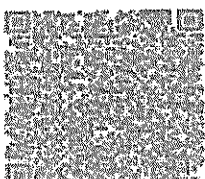
*Prayers for Birthday, Anniversary, Travel may be offered.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

Announcements

*The congregation may remain seated for the anthem.*

Offertory Anthem      “ Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake”      Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)



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**VENIO**

*Offerings may be received and placed on the altar*

Offertory Hymn 508      “Breathe on me, Breath of God”      *Nova Vita*

The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

*Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Hymn 180

"He is risen, he is risen!"

*Unser Herrscher*

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*Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, fill out a visitor card (in the pew) and place it in the offering plate.*

### **Liturgical Ministers**

Ushers: Jim Ebbert and Lucy Ebbert

Lectors: Gwen Prosser, Sue Foltz, Charlotte Watkins

Officiant: Derek Reed

Preacher: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder

### **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Jerry Hoff and Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Virginia Johns, Kit Wagner, Tony, Dana, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**Birthdays this Month:** Carol Freebairn (2), Susan Stopper (12), Kate Jackson (12), Jean Cox (19), Sally Ann Williamson (21), Kelli McGuire (22), Michelle Gabrielsen (22), Vicki Boetsch (25), Jim Ebbert (26), Suzanne Thomas (26), John Mattern (28)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. John Baptist, Thomaston, For the spread of the Gospel to all the world

### **Announcements**

**Thank you** to our flower and altar guild workers, singers, and hospitality providers for making our Holy Week and Easter Day celebrations meaningful and joyous! **And thank you** to all those who helped with our Spring clean-up this past week; everything looks so clean and spacious!

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of a new month, which means this is our Sunday to make offerings to stock the shelves of the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry. We are especially soliciting canned **tuna, corned beef, chicken, spam, and other high protein foods.**

**Our bell tower** was unwrapped for an evaluation of its current condition on April 24. The inspection was conducted last Thursday by Liz Reynolds, a structural engineer who specializes in historic architecture from Barba + Wheelock of Portland, Maine. We will be reporting to you on their findings in the next few weeks. This is the first step in evaluating the structure and will help us as a parish to make informed and strategic decisions for next steps.

**Our apologies** for a misprint in last week's bulletin: Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sue Such in memory of Ron Such and by Sue Foltz in memory of Betty and Jean Lendrin.

### **This Week at St. Thomas**

#### **Sunday, April 27**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour  
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice  
4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer (Lady Chapel)

#### **Wednesday, April 30**

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Healing Service  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (online)

#### **Sunday, May 4**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Special Reception to honor Pat Ayers (*Shhh; it's a surprise!*)  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)  
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice (Music Room)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Lady Chapel)

*A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.*

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