

Second Sunday of Easter

Grace Episcopal Church

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Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones.

The Gospel John 20:19-31

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

[The Prayers of the People](#) [Form V, BCP p. 389](#)

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Sanctus BCP p. 362; Hymnal S124

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S152

(All baptized persons are normally invited to receive communion. Due to our national health emergency, in-person worship may be suspended, but personal worship and communion with Christ are as important as ever. Through the grace of baptism, we are one in Christ. We celebrate the gift of communion with him and in him whenever we pray together, whether we are together physically or not. Whenever we participate by prayer in a Eucharistic celebration, God's grace brings us into the one, eternal offering of the Son to the Father on the cross. The benefit to us and the blessings poured out upon the world are beyond our knowledge.)

Post Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Easter Blessing

[Recession "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Hymn 214](#)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "Welcome, Happy Morning!"

Announcements

In-person worship is suspended through April. You are encouraged to look for updates on our Facebook page and by email. Please join us for live-streamed services on through the month of April as noted below.

Times for the services through April are as follows.

(4/19) II Easter 10:00 a.m. [Facebook.com/GraceChurchSH](https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchSH)

(4/26) III Easter 10:00 a.m. [Facebook.com/GraceChurchSH](https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchSH)

A Note to Visitors

If you are a visitor, we thank you joining us this Sunday. We would like to answer any questions you have about our service or about membership in Grace Church. Our church is vital to our relationship with God and is especially important in this time of physical separation from one another and serious health crisis for our community, nation, and world. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below. Please “like” and click “follow” on our Facebook page to receive updates, announcements, and posts of all types.

[Giving to Grace Church](#)

Though we are for a time not gathering in person at the church, our giving to God and his Church is just as important now as always. You may make a contribution to Grace Church by mail, or you may do so online by scanning the code below with your smartphone. There is also a link to online giving at our website. To make offerings to the church's general fund, select "offering plate income" in the dropdown menu. If you are under financial stress now for any reason, the gift of your prayers and presence is much appreciated in itself.



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It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people, and bring Christ to our community.

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Year A

The Collect

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

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.”

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

- 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.

1 Peter 1:3-9

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.

John 20:19-31

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.