

The Second Sunday of

EASTER

April 12, 2026

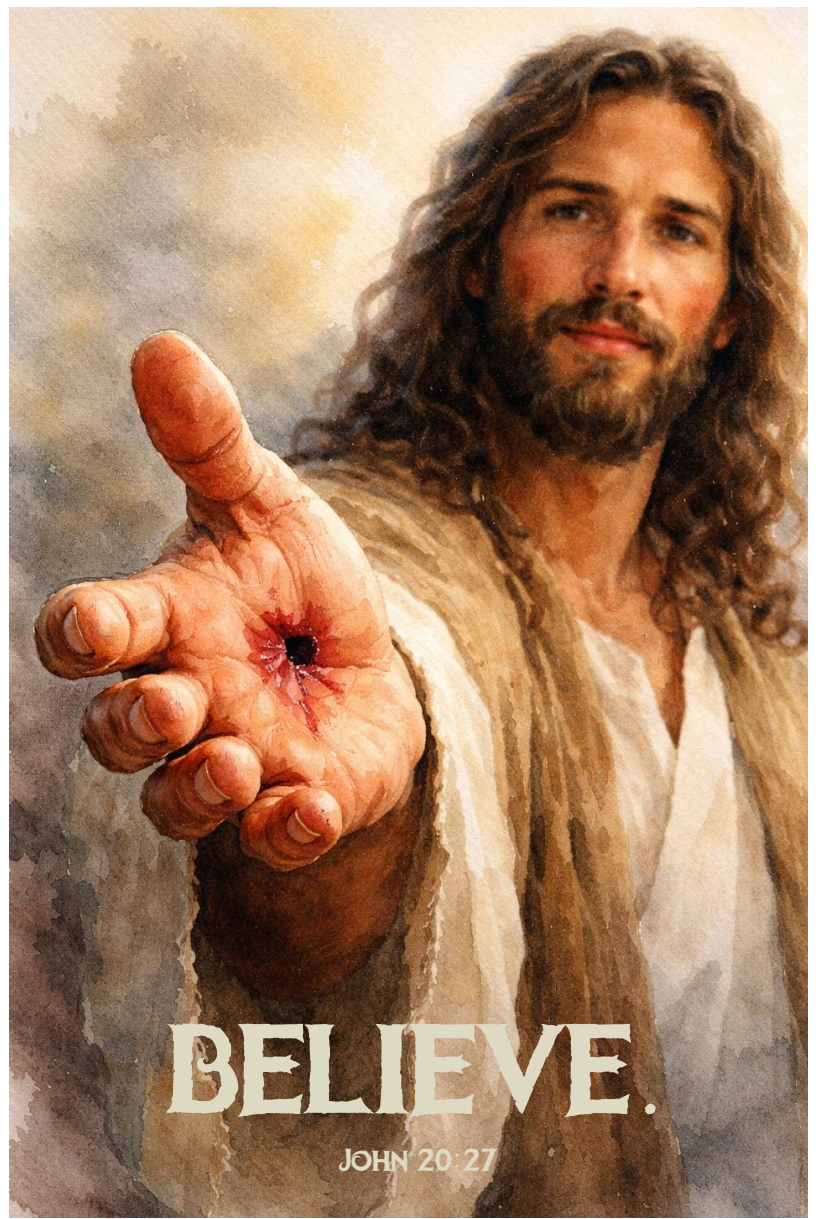


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JOHN 20: 27



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PRELUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”

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1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 148:1-2, 11-13*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People: **praise Him in the heights!**

Pastor: Praise Him, all His angels;

People: **praise Him, all His hosts!**

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

People: **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Pastor: Young men and maidens together,

People: **old men and children!**

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted;

People: **His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father of all mercy and grace,

People: **We confess to You our sins of body, mind, spirit, and tongue. We readily acknowledge with our minds the victory of the Lord Jesus over death and the grave, but we so easily deny the power of His resurrection in our daily lives. We are sorry, and we want to do better. As Jesus came among His followers that night in the upper room, let Him now come among us speaking Your peace, breathing out Your Spirit, and granting us Your absolution, which He won for us by His dying and His rising again.**

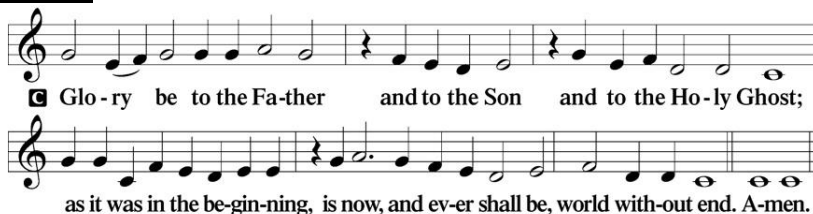
Pastor: Know this: God has heard your prayer for forgiveness and His answer to you in Christ Jesus is the forgiveness of all your sins. That your hearts may be at peace, hear now the Lord's Word to you: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT from Psalm 148

Pastor/Choir: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!

THE GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA Lk 2:14, Rev 5:9-14 "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"

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1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 △ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of great power and might, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have the faith to receive the fullness of Jesus' resurrection. He is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **♪ Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29-42

(When filled with the Peace of Christ, the believers are able to withstand criticism and overcome incredible obstacles.)

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him

at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3-9

(No matter what tribulations faith may incur at the hands of the world, resurrection peace remains!)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
(Messiah)

G.F. Handel
Abigail Beck-Snow

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

("Peace be with you" is the greatest gift the Risen Lord can bestow upon His timid follower.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People:



¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Day of Resurrection”

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

SERMON

“Help, Thou, Mine Unbelief”

Mark 9:24

*Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor
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OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” *Jean-Francois Dandrieu*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

10:30am continues with the Benediction

† **The Order of Holy Communion** †
@9am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:
☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:
☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:
☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who showed Himself alive to the disciples and sent them with peace and forgiveness as witnesses of the resurrection. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.
 People: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

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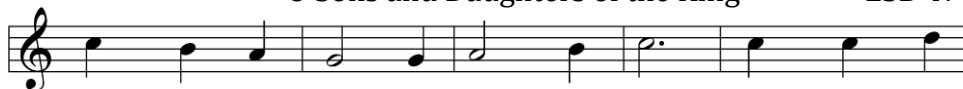
For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
 7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."
 feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.



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

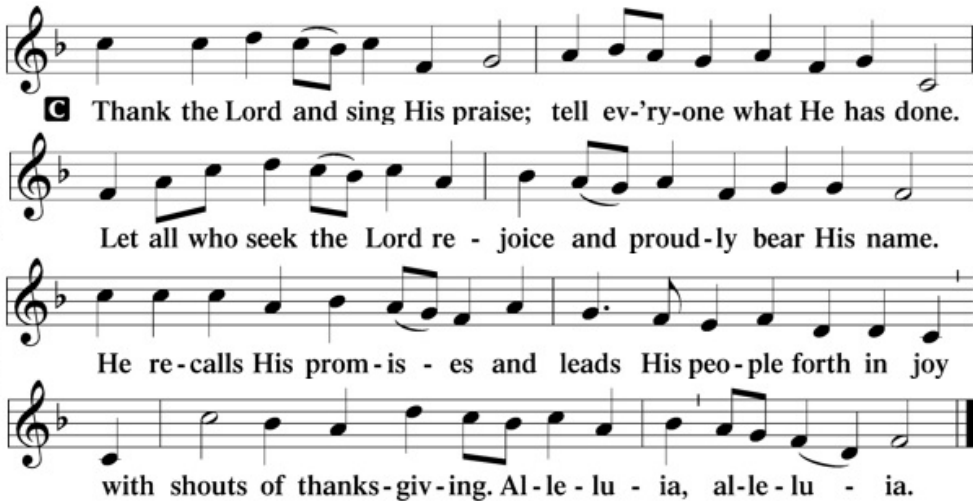
How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Ps 9:1-2*

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. Preserve us as Your faithful witnesses now and into eternity, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

BENEDICTION *Num. 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“In Thee is Gladness”

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1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
 sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

Healey Willan