

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*Due to the pandemic, the music in this service **must be sung by a cantor only.**
You are invited to join by silently lifting up the words to God.*

Prelude: O fili et filiae Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)
(O sons and daughters; Hymn 206)

“The peace may be exchanged” (from *Rubrics*) Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Quasimodo* Plainsong, Mode 6

As newborn babes, alleluia; you must hunger for pure milk: the milk of the Word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with joy to God our strength; raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

– 1 Peter 2, Psalm 81

Opening Acclamation *stand*

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis (*sung by the cantor only*) Missa Marialis, Mode 8

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the
world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

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 Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles. (4: 32-35) *sit*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Lector: Let us recite, in unison, Psalm 133.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!**
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Alleluia *Post dies octo* Plainsong, Mode 7, *stand*

Cantor: Alleluia. Eight days later, when the doors were shut, Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” Alleluia.

– *John 20:19*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (20: 19-31)

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: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

sit

Lector: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Gathered together in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: For the peace of the world, that all humanity may live in freedom with justice and dignity, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the unity of the church in Christ Jesus, that we may be one in Christ as Christ is one with God; and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Kelly and Shug, our clergy; the members of our parish staff; and the members of our Search Committee and the candidates in discernment with them, that all may follow Christ as they seek to serve his church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the apostolic mission of the church, that we may bring all humanity to the knowledge and love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the diaconal ministry of the church, that we may serve one another and our neighbors near and far in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who need the love and power of Christ, especially Tom Bitting, Sedale Ford, Christine Green, Paul Hmiel, Cynthia Lueck, Sidney Newman, Jen Schafer, and Karmen Selby, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all the saints in glory and all those whom we have known and loved who though dead are alive in Christ, especially Deanna Heuermann and Ann McDonald, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to others –
in person, via social media, or simply in your heart.*

Announcements

sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During this time when we cannot safely pass the offertory plates,
please make your offering as you come up to receive Holy Communion.*

Hymn 193: “That Easter day with Joy was bright” (*sung by the cantor only*)

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself out hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield.

Words: Latin, 5th cent., ver. Hymnal 1940

*Music: Puer nobis, melody from trier MS., 15th cent.;
adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

stand

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he

has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus et Benedictus (*sung by the cantor only*) *Missa Marialis*, Plainsong, Mode 5

Cantor: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread (*Hymnal S 152*)

Cantors: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

sit

While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

When an usher invites your pew, please come forward, drop your offering in the offertory plate if you choose, use the hand sanitizer, and move to receive communion from Kelly or Shug, observing the floor markers to maintain social distancing.

*To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open.
Please consume the host when you have returned to your seat.*

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know
you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.*

*If you are worshipping virtually and unable to physically partake of the sacrament,
we invite you to make your spiritual communion by praying the following prayer,
adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:*

**Beloved Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.
We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar
and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid
with you, O Christ, in the heart of God. Amen.**

Hymn 206: “O sons and daughters, let us sing” (*sung by the cantor only*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
over death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, “My peace be on all here.”
Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples’ word.
Alleluia!

“My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried.
Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: *Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*
Music: *O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels, 1623*

Offering of Monetary Gifts

stand

Priest: All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
People: **All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us pray.
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Priest: The God of peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with Christ in his risen life; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Procession

*Please remain in your pew until an usher invites you to exit through the narthex.
We hope you can stay for a cup of coffee and to catch up with friends
and fellow worshippers on the front lawn following the service.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Karen Ragland McFarland,
by Amy and Douglas Dove.*

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Kelly Carlson

Deacon: The Rev. Shug Goodlow

Cantor: Christina Kruger

Organ: David Sinden

Lectors: Bud Wilson and Bonnie Freeland

Ushers: Rich Huck, Tony Randazzo, Mike Newport

Altar Guild: xxx

Webcast: Jacquelyn VanWeelden

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Paul Hmiel and Jen Schafer.

For Family and Friends: Tom Bitting, Sedale Ford, Christine Green, Cynthia Lueck, Sidney Newman, and Karmen Selby.

For the Faithful Departed: Deanna Heuermann and Ann McDonald.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Virginie Brightman, Donna Brookman, Elizabeth Clarke, Dick Colantuono, Kathryn Dewein, Bettie Lou Evans, Patty Hecker, Taffy Hoos, Steve Kohlbry, Ann Lilly, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Missy Moppins, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Lucy Rise, Jeffrey Rixleben, Jane St. John, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Colleen Starkloff, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, John Walters, Scott Weaver, Richelle Weisbrod, Rolla Wetzel, Dick Williams, Justin Williamson, Joey Wilson, Susie Yoder, and Helen Yount.

TODAY...

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US! – Whether you are worshipping from the nave or from home, we are glad you are with us to offer thanks and praise to God! If you would like to attend worship in person, please remember to pre-register online. To do so, use the link on our website homepage or in *News from the Rock*. If you do not have access to the internet, call (314) 993-2306 ext 116 and leave a message letting us know which service you would like to attend. Please visit our website, stpetersepiscope.org, for more information about worshipping in person during the pandemic.

ST. PETER'S VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: At 9:15 a.m., join us to learn more about **Outreach Haiti**, one of our Easter Outreach Offering recipients. We are excited to welcome speakers **Chris Knight and Jon Dutton**, who will share information on the ongoing partnership efforts supporting Pere Banna in his work to educate, feed, and shelter the children of Petit Harpon. They will be traveling to Haiti in June this year! The link is provided in Friday's *News from the Rock*. Upcoming coffee hour speakers: April 18 Kimberly Brown, The Haven of Grace, and April 25, Donald M. Suggs, Publisher and Executive Editor of the St. Louis American Newspaper.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – Everyone is invited to join Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. This is a wonderful service where everyone can grow in their relationship with Christ. The Zoom link is in Friday's *News from the Rock*. For questions, please reach out to Annie at aknapp@stpetersepiscope.org.

LIVING TRADITION – An ongoing series that explores the music and liturgy at St. Peter's. Go to <http://livingtradition.online> for link for all sessions of this series. Our next session titled **“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”: The Life and Times of Thomas Ken**, will be on April 11 at 1:30 p.m. One of the most frequently sung texts in worship at St. Peter's is the Doxology (“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”). The author of these familiar words is the Anglican bishop and hymnwriter Thomas Ken. Despite the ubiquity of this hymn stanza, Bishop Ken himself has fallen somewhat into obscurity. On April 11 at 1:30 p.m., come hear from parishioner and Choir member Bruce Ryder, as he shares his research into the life and times of this widely-sung author.

THIS WEEK...

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Bring your own bacon and **join us this Tuesday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m.** lively conversation and a bit of banter. Find the Zoom link in your Men's Breakfast email or Friday's *News from the Rock*. Our virtual breakfast is sure to be a great time for fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

WOMAN'S GUILD – Set aside some time for a bit of laughter and to catch up with one another! Join us each Tuesday via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. The link is provided in your weekly Guild email and Friday's *News from the Rock*.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Our Lenten study of the Book of Deuteronomy continues as our Easter study! We meet every Friday at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. Email Kelly for the link at kcarlson@stpetersepiscopal.org, or find it in Friday's *News from the Rock*. Join us!

PRAYER GROUP – The prayer group is scheduled to meet on Fridays at 10:00-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at (314) 614-4321.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

#GIVELIKECHARLIE BLOOD DRIVE – With the arrival of spring (and the thrill of being together in person!) also comes the third annual #givelikecharlie #livelikecharlie blood drive at St. Peter's! This drive was created in May 2019 to honor and remember one of our parishioners, Charlie Gillis, who was killed in a car accident in September of 2018. Charlie was a believer in “the other fellow first” and lived this motto to its fullest in his 20 short years. Our first drive was a tremendous success, and last year's “virtual” blood drive was a great alternative, but we are back in person and we are looking for people to show up and GIVE LIKE CHARLIE! Please consider donating blood and sign up through the [American Red Cross](#). This year's drive is on May 3, 2021, 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. Help us fill ALL the time slots and #givelikecharlie!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021 – Mark your calendars! VBS will run Monday, June 7th to Friday, June 11th. VBS is open to children entering Kindergarten - 5th grade. Registration will be online (similar to worship registration) and will begin on Friday, April 16th. If you are an adult or youth interested in volunteering, please reach out to Annie. The curriculum is written, we just need YOUR help to implement the learning and fun!

GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...

LOG IN TO REALM! Having an active Realm login will help with reserving your spot for upcoming worship services. You can also search the parish directory, check on giving history, and peruse groups to join. If you are having trouble, or have not set up your Realm login yet, contact Jacquelyn at jacquelyn@specstl.org

COME SERVE WITH US - As we begin to return to church and our new “normal” of worshipping together, **we invite all parishioners to explore the many opportunities to get more involved in the life of our parish.** Serving on Sunday, furthering the mission of committee, or planning events is a great way to meet new people and make church feel like home. When you serve, you make a difference. We are currently recruiting for Lectors/Ushers/Altar Guild, the Stewardship Committee, and parish event planning. Please visit <http://stpetersepiscope.org/serve/opportunities-to-serve> for more information on various serving opportunities, or contact Janet Rouse, Director of Stewardship and Parish Life at janetr@specstl.org to get started. Whether you are looking to help with worship services, parish life, or outreach, there is a place for everyone!

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED - Check the parish website www.stpetersepiscope.org, and while you’re there, sign up to receive the weekly *News from the Rock* for the latest about worship services, virtual programming, in person events, the search process, and more!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE – First round candidate interviews are being scheduled for this month! Read the Committee’s full update, published in the latest *News from the Rock*.

ST. PETER’S CHORISTERS – The Director of Music is also convening young singers on Tuesdays and Friday afternoons via Zoom. For more information, please email dsinden@stpetersepiscope.org

All young people (around age 7 and up) are warmly invited to take part in Songs and Stories, St. Peter’s virtual Chorister training program for the year. Episodes of Songs and Stories are now available to view at <http://songsandstories.online>.

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES – There are numerous books and films on anti-racism to spark good conversation with children of all ages, as well as adults. A list of resources, as well as steps for action are posted to our website. Go to stpetersepiscope.org/antiracism.