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EPISCOPAL CHURCH
— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

*Our mission is to know
and share the love of Jesus Christ*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
10:00 AM
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THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary: Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 649

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn 184 "Christ the Lord is risen again!"

Christ ist erstanden

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings
that the Lamb in King of kings.
Alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed,
Christ, today your people feed.
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
takes our sin and guilt away
that with angels we may say:
Alleluia!

Refrain

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
is exalted now to save,
wresting victory from the grave.
Alleluia!

Refrain

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal S-202)

Willan

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Plainchant

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

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Liz Parker, *Associate Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We believe in one God,
People 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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, especially those across the street in the Texas Medical Center;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community of Houston, the nation, and the world; for Joe, President of the United States; Greg, Governor of Texas; and Sylvester, Mayor of Houston;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of thy creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For thy mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We will exalt thee, O God our King;

And praise thy Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in thy eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in thee.

The Celebrant then prays

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *I know that my redeemer liveth*

George Frideric Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth
And that he shall stand
At the latter day, upon the earth
I know that my redeemer liveth
And that he shall stand
At the latter day, upon the earth
Upon the earth

I know that my redeemer liveth
And he shall stand
Stand at the latter day, upon the earth
Upon the earth

And though worms destroy this body
Yet in my flesh shall I see God
Yet in my flesh shall I see God

I know that my redeemer liveth
And though worms destroy this body
Yet in my flesh shall I see God
Yet in my flesh shall I see God
Shall i see God

I know that my redeemer liveth
For now is Christ risen from the dead
The first fruits of them that sleep
Of them that sleep
The first fruits of them that sleep
For now is Christ risen
For now is Christ risen from the dead
The first fruits of them that sleep

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The Doxology *Hymnal 380, verse 3*

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second and third staves are for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.'

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus (Hymnal S-114)

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant Our Father,

People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei S-158

Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The term “Spiritual Communion” has been used historically to describe how a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you today.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine made holy food,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you.
Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn 208 “The strife is o’er, the battle done” (1 & 5)

Victory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Allegro assai vivace, from Organ Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

The Altar and Paschal Candle flowers are given in loving memory of Eileen and Dr. Joseph Colquhoun.

The Colquhoun and Zodrow families

In grateful Thanksgiving for our Goddaughters Zoe Roopnarine, Molly Farrell, Joanna Crane, and Eliana Browns. In loving memory of our grandparents Mrs. and Mrs. Roland Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Browns, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mashburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parks. In loving memory of the astronaut crews of Apollo 1, Space Shuttle Challenger, and Space Shuttle Columbia.

Scott and Ansley Browns

In loving memory of David K. Davies and George & Margaret Gilbertson.

Ruth Davies

In thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and Palmer friends and in gratitude for the lives of Bill Hass, Father Sam Todd, and Father Henry Strobel.

Betty and Jim Key

To the glory of God and in memory of Ken Begalke.

Sandra Begalke

To the glory of God and in memory of Carol Mitchell.

Vance Mitchell

In memory of our grandparents, Noreen and Herb, Katy and Tom, Shirley and Charles, Bertha and Al.

Tom and Kristie Van Arsdel

In memory of our parents, Louise & Dudley Field and Bonnie & Frank Ahrens, and in thanksgiving for the joy of reuniting with our children and grandchildren in person.

Jan and Jere Ahrens

In loving memory of Robert C. Bagwell.

Steven Killworth

In loving memory of Ben Franklin.

Susan Keefe

In loving memory of Calvin, Coolidge, Jack, Jean, Lili, Sally, and Sue. In great thanksgiving for Anna, Freida, and Nick.

Connie and John Wallace

To the glory of God.

Jim Rosenbach

In loving memory of Frank Lagotic, Cindy & Jim Neville, Mary Fonda Joseph & Florence Gaudio.

The Westin family

To the glory of God and in memory of Nicholas and Miriam Troisi and Ann and Julius Stoll, Jr.

Cathy Troisi

In loving memory of Vernon R. Gresso and Lela M. Palmer.

Rae Gresso

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Francis Sanders, Ann Hardin, Kevin Blake, Bob Loewenstein, Marsha Eatherton, Dominique Groeneveldt, Helen Ruth, Hugo, and Michael Lueders, Polly and Tom Jenkins, Jane Jenkins Oliver, and Beth Edmiston, and in thanksgiving for Helen Elizabeth Lueders.

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To the glory of God and in loving memory of a my son, Thomas.

Sarah Emes

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The Rev. John and Arlene Price

To the glory of God and in appreciation for the life of William L. Hass.

Barbara Hass

In loving memory of Ella & Edward Hamilton and Kathy & J.E. Bradshaw.

Mary and Steve Bradshaw

In loving memory of Don Clair Quast.

Dr. and Mrs. Don C. Quast

In loving memory of my mother, Jean Andrews Mercurio.

Jim Mercurio

In loving memory of Mary Harris & Jennifer Harris Ratto
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In thanksgiving for the devoted clergy & staff of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church

Stephen Fox

In loving memory of my incredible parents, Josephine Muller Shanks & Rex Shanks Jr.

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To the glory of God.

Carol Coats

To the glory of God.

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In loving memory of Edward Carlisle Norwood III.

Eddie & Ann Norwood

In loving memory of Stuart & Angie Kensinger and in thanksgiving for Jerusalem Peacebuilders.

Jack Kar

TOGETHER, WE PRAY

Please pray for these people:

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Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Bob London	Wendy Robertson
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Tina & Ricky Cruz	Berta Maestef	Bill & Sheila Ryan
Darlene Dittoe	Carol Matthews	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
Penny Driggers	Charlotte McClain	Susan Shivers
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The Fender family
The Simmons family (*international adoption*)

Those expecting a child by birth or adoption are encouraged to contact Roger Hutchison at rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org.

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