

# St. John's Episcopal Church

415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, VA 22204

## The Second Sunday of Easter

**April 27, 2025 9:00 a.m.**

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit or kneel as you are able and as you prefer.

**Welcome! We're glad you're here!**

*Hymns listed with number only are found in the blue Hymnal 1982; those with "S" before the number are found at the front of the Hymnal. "LEVAS" identifies hymns from Lift Every Voice and Sing, and "WLP" denotes hymns from Wonder, Love, and Praise.*

### Prelude

### The Liturgy of the Word

**Hymn 205** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! *Gelobt sei Gott*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### The Collect for Purity

**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 S-280

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

#### First Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. *5:27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 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." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather

than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 118**

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

**I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

“This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.**

## **Epistle**

A Reading from the book of Revelation. 1:4-8

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, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 435** At the name of Jesus *King's Weston*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our Sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily**

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your 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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mark and Gayle 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.

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Music Hymn 178** Jesus is Lord of all the earth v. 1&2 *Alleluia No. 1*

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth

He is the King of Creation

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 S-130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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**

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

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Agnus Dei S-164**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The bread and the cup are distributed with these words:*

The body (and blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

**Communion Music 324** Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious body and blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 432** O Praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; *Laudate Dominum*

### **Dismissal**

### **Serving Today**

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector  
The Reverend Mary E. Cushing, Deacon  
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music • Zane Price, Organist  
Dave Dunlap, Usher • Faye Pritchard and Sandy Winger, Altar Guild  
Lynn Robinson, Reader • Faye Pritchard, Prayers of the People  
Christine Williams, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Pete Olivere, Teller • Lynn Robinson, Fellowship  
Pete Olivere and Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

### **Announcements**

**Heartfelt thanks** to everyone who contributed and came out for the Easter Egg Hunt! We had lots of eggs for the younger folks to find, and good conversations with some of our neighbors and their visiting family. The weather cooperated, and we even had a few leftovers to add to Sunday Coffee Hour.

**Glencarlyn Days** are just around the corner, June 6 and 7, and feature an Hawaiian theme this year - let's start getting organized now. That Sunday is also Pentecost, so it's sure to be a celebratory weekend.

**Book Club** St. John's book club's next meeting will be Tuesday May 6th. The book for May is *Gideon's Trumpet* by Anthony Lewis. This is the powerful story of a man who sent his handwritten appeal of his conviction to the Supreme Court and won a landmark decision for legal rights. The meeting starts at 7:30 – don't be late!

**Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays** We continue to provide Zoom access to our services. The bulletin for the service, Zoom link (also below) and recordings of the past several weeks' service are on our website [www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org) (info for attending services) The Zoom access link with embedded password is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZiN2ZVF5SWdNlKoZDUT09>  
If you can't use or copy the link, go to [zoom.com/join](https://zoom.com/join) and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020. If you don't have Zoom on your device, you will need to do that prior to the service. If you only want to participate by phone, dial either 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. When you are connected you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589, then be prompted to enter the password 2020.

**Barbara Olivere maintains our common Prayer List**, and sends cards to people who are ill, as well as birthday cards and anniversary cards. Please communicate with her at [prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org). If you are able to share in this ministry, please be in touch with the Rector or Barbara, as keeping in contact with one another is particularly important to those unable to be with us in worship. There is also a clipboard at the rear of the church on Sunday mornings where you can enter names of individuals to be remembered during prayers of the people

**Clergy Contacts: Pastoral Care and other inquiries** Calls are most welcome, especially if the clergy can be of help pastorally, or to explore ministry opportunities. Please call or text the Rector, the Rev Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2255; her email address [juliediane Bryant@gmail.com](mailto:juliediane Bryant@gmail.com). You can reach Deacon Mary E. Cushing at 703-772-7457 or [deaconmaryc@gmail.com](mailto:deaconmaryc@gmail.com).

**The clergy also serve St. Patrick's, Falls Church** where the Sunday service is at 11 am The St. Patrick's is located at 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042; their website is [www.saintpatricks.us](http://www.saintpatricks.us); and YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal](http://www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal).

**AFAC Bulk Food Packing** On the second Friday evening of every other month, a group from St. John's spends an hour at the Arlington Food Assistance Center bagging food. Our next Friday evening session will be May 11th. Contact Bill Pritchard on 703-931-2168 if you would like to join in this ministry to help our neighbors in need of food.

**Little Free Food Pantry** Thank you to all who have been supporting the LFFP with your donations. If shopping for items is difficult, our website includes a link to contribute funds on-line. Items that are regularly in high demand include canned protein (tuna or chicken), cereal (both cold and oatmeal), ready-to-eat meals (such as Beef-a-roni), ready-to-eat soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shelf-stable milk, water, dry lentils and beans, plain rice, peanut butter, and crackers.(but no glass containers, please and no more canned beans for a while). More information on the website [stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://stjohnsarlingtonva.org)