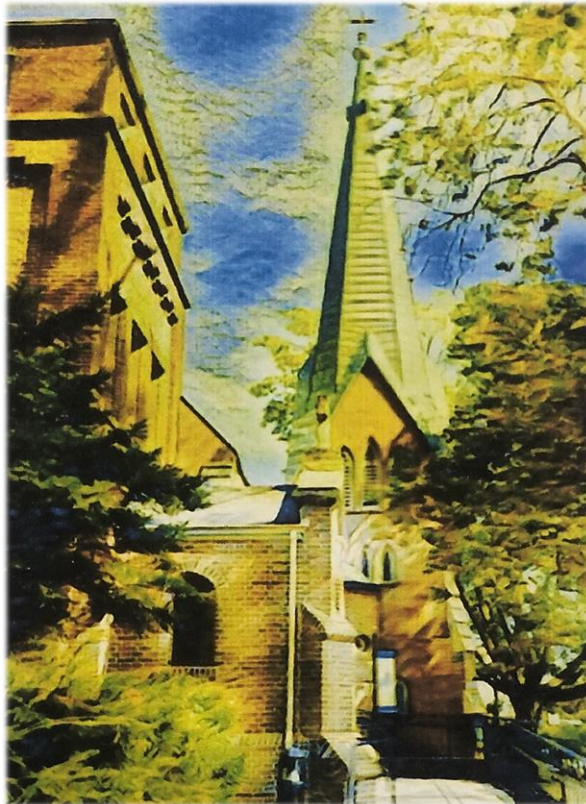


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

APRIL 24 AT 10:15 A.M.



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, Sunday School takes place at 9:00AM and opportunities for fellowship exist between and after our services. Thank you for being here!

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

*Tune: Sweet Hour*

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*Rex Koury  
William B Bradbury*

### OPENING HYMN

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

**HYMN 205**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing)*

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

### 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.*

### A SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to you*

**S-236**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* 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 FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32 *(please be seated)*

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.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 150** (*read in unison*)

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
    praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
    praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
    praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
    praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
    praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath \*  
    praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND LESSON:** 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.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31 (*please remain standing*)

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

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

**THE SERMON**

JEN TREMARY

**THE NICENE CREED** (*Please stand*)

**BCP 358**

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. (*pause*)  
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 III (*The leader and people kneel*)

**BCP 387**

Father, in our Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, York,  
the Diocese of Lagos Mainland, and the Church of Nigeria. We pray for your holy  
Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, Archbishop of  
Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda,  
Stacey, and Jen, our pastors;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially John Symonds, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Sandy Grove, Karan, Valerie Lucci, Claire Phillips, Tetiana, Alexsandr, Maria, Oleksandr, and their families, Kenneth Robert, and Megan;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Barry Bruce by Linda Bruce.*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*Psalms 141*

*Marty Haugen*

From *The Holden Evening Prayer*: This vespers service was written while composer Marty Haugen was living at Holden Village in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington state. Holden has always been a vibrant and important place of spiritual renewal, creativity and Christian witness to the world.

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

**OLD 100TH****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D****BCP 372**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**THE SANCTUS**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**HYMNAL S-129**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**



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

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

**THE INVITATION**

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.

**ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, one chalice will be for drinking only, another for intinction. You can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by handing your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister who will intinct and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

**SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Celebrant* In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.  
*People* Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Let us break bread together*

**HYMN 325**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 365**

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

May God's extravagant love consume you, Christ's life and passion inspire you, and the Spirit compel you to do ordinary things with extraordinary love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**HYMN 390**

## THE DISMISSAL

**BCP 366**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

*To God Be the Glory*

*Tom Birchwood*  
*Tune by William H Doane*

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
12:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

### Monday, April 25

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

### Tuesday, April 26

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry  
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry  
5:00 p.m. VH Dance

### Wednesday, April 27

12:00 p.m. HE:II with Healing  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 28

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

### Saturday, April 30

**9:00 a.m. AIDS Memorial Garden  
Spring Cleanup**

### Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tues. - 6:00 p.m.  
NA: Mon., Wed., & Fri. - 12:00 p.m.  
NA: Thur. & Sat. - 6:30 p.m.

**AIDS Memorial Garden Cleanup** – On Saturday morning April 30 from 9 a.m. - noon we will be gathering at the Linear Park, corner of W. Lemon and Water Streets. Parking, available in the Ponessa Parking Area, adjacent to the Garden. Clean up, planting of annuals, weeding, mulching the beds will be the focus of the work. Bring gloves, and appropriate garden tools if you have them, or just show up. There will be some extra tools for you to work with.

## **St. John's Traveler Letter: Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world**

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits!

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Dear Pastor Amanda,

I hope that you and my St. John's family are having a wonderful Easter season! It has been a long time since I last wrote, and I am excited to share what I am learning with you in my travels. Our world is a beautiful place, and I see God's glory everywhere I look, in people, in nature, and in communities.

I am writing to you today from Papua New Guinea, an island nation in the southwestern Pacific Ocean that borders Indonesia. It is a small, yet beautiful country with many island chains, mountains, tropical rainforests, and even volcanos! Just over 9 million people live here, and English is the most common language, which reflects the country's colonial heritage. Papua New Guinea is still part of the British Commonwealth, which means that Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state here. The Papua New Guinea National Parliament elects a Prime Minister, who serves as the head of government.

Most people live in traditionally rural areas, and family and tribal ties are very important in Papua New Guinea. Most villages can only be reached by walking from the nearest road or airstrip. There are many indigenous peoples here, and their history remains alive through traditional customs and languages. One of the most amazing things I have learned is that there are over 800 distinct indigenous languages spoken here!

Despite its beauty, Papua New Guinea faces many challenges. High unemployment, few economic opportunities, crime, ethnic tensions, and poor health care and education are many things we can keep in our prayers. A third of the population is under the age of 15, and I worry about what the future holds for this vulnerable group. I was delighted to see, however, many young people engaging in sports like cricket, rugby, and football—which we call soccer in the United States!

The majority of people in Papua New Guinea are Christians, and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea plays a key role in providing health care training and education along with many other churches. I celebrated Easter Sunday at the Anglican Church in Port Moresby, one of more than 100 churches in the country. Many churches have unfortunately fallen into disrepair, and some do not even have pews. Nevertheless, the love of Christ is very much alive here. I will keep you all in my prayers as we journey deeper into the Easter season.

Blessings always,  
John Traveler

## WELCOME



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by clicking the QR Code or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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