

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**DAILY MORNING PRAYER**  
**RITE TWO**



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**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**Voluntary**

**Processional Hymn 178** (10:30 a.m. service) (*Please stand as you are able.*)

*Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

Alleluia No. 1

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Invitatory and Psalter** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People:*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

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

**People: Come let us adore him.**

**Alleluia!**

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***  
**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**  
**For since by a man came death, \***  
**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**  
**For as in Adam all die, \***  
**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

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

**People: Come let us adore him.**

## **The Psalm**

*People may be seated*

*(Psalm will be read responsively by half verse)*

**Psalm 16** *Conserva me, Domine*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,  
my good above all other.”

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \***  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \***  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \***  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the Lord always before me; \***  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*At the end of the Psalm Officiant and People say together*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS** *(Please remain seated.)*

### **The First Reading:** *Acts 2:14a,22-32*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**9 The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Officiant and People all standing*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***

**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***

**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***

**and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*People may be seated*

**The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

*Officiant and People all standing*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**  
**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*People may be seated*

**The Gospel:** *John 20:19-31*

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

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.

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

**A**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**



## The Collects

*Officiant:* 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.**

*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* We pray this morning for those on our Parish Prayer List; for Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Jane Rustin, Gary Smithwick, Marjorie Snyder, Dorisena Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe

*Officiant:* We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Neil Hine, Sallie Wahl, Gail Jackson, Lila Griffin and Dave Tayloe.

*Officiant:* I bid your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving now. You may offer them silently or aloud.

**Hymn 208** (10:30 a.m. only) (Please stand as you are able.)

*We walk by faith and not by sight*

St. Botolph

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People all standing*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness**

to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**Closing Hymn 192** (*10:30 a.m. only*)

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Vruechten

*Officiant:* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

**Closing Voluntary**

**SERVING TODAY**

**8:00 Service**

**Officiant:** Dorisenia Thompson

**Lector:** Michael Headon

**10:30 Service**

**Officiant:** Amy Brantley

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