



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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A photograph of an Easter egg hunt scene, showing a child's hands reaching into a basket filled with colorful eggs. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple rectangle. The text "Second Sunday of Easter" is written in white serif font over the purple area.

Second Sunday of
Easter

Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

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The liturgy provided here is from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received Him,
when the forty days were over,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
“I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.

words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE ACCLAMATION

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
PEOPLE: 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

THE KYRIE

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

PEOPLE Christ, have mercy upon us.

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**
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 LESSON

A Reading from **Genesis 8:6-16; 9:8-17**

Pew Bible pg. 6-7

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. ¹¹And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

all his commandments are true.
**⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
and are done in truth and equity.**
⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded
his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
**¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
a good understanding have all those who live accordingly;
his praise endures for ever.**

A Reading from **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Pew Bible pg. 1014

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *(sung by all, standing)*

Alleluia, Alleluia

1. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible pg. 906-907

¹⁹ “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him,

“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (ESV)

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

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

The sequence hymn resumes

2. He is risen, He is risen,
He is risen, He is risen,
He is risen, He is risen,
He is risen, He is risen.

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SERMON

FATHER ROBERT STULL

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying "hear our prayer" following each petition read aloud.

LITANIST	Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE	hear our prayer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace is now exchanged.

CELEBRANT The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

This Joyful Eastertide

Woodward

Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

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.**

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,
PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Remain standing*)

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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

*Celebrant and **People** sing*

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

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

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

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in 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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.**

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

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 FRACTION

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
PEOPLE **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(said responsively)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son- they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He hold the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because Christ lives. *(Refrain)*
3. And then one day I'll cross that river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. *(Refrain)*

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How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout The universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
sent Him to die I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" *(Refrain)*

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

I know that my Redeemer

Samuel Medley

Duke Street, John Hatton

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; what com - fort this sweet sen - tence
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave, He lives e - ter - nal - ly to
3. He lives to si - lence all my fears, He lives to wipe a - way my
4. He lives, all glo - ry to His Name! He lives, my Je - sus, still the

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gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
save, He lives all - glo - r'ous in the sky,
tears, He lives to calm my troubles heart,
same. O the sweet joy this sen - tence gives,

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He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head.
He lives, ex - alt - ed there on high.
He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
"I know that my Re - deem - er lives!"

DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY SOLOIST: ELEANOR DIXON

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