

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

> **Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices before the start of the service. Thank you.**

The Rev. Nathan D Carr – Vicar The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator Victoria Moon – Nursery Attendant

Serving Today: Cantor – Doug Rogez Greeters / Oblationers – Glen Fields and Sarah Greenley Lay Readers – Mark Anderson, Beverly Bradley and Troy Vance Acolytes – Andy Fuller, Truitt Kolb, Birch Kolb and Finn Newberry Live Streaming – Aaron Mooney and Eli Mooney Children's Activities – Victoria Moon

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The Second Sunday of Easter – Year B

Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – April 7, 2024 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional The Hymnal, #206 206 Easter Antiphon (at the beginning) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! æ, -6 0 sing! and let sons daugh ters, us 2 That night thea tles met in fear; pos -3 When Thom first the tid heard, - as ings pierc 4 "My - ed side, 0 Thom as, see; No de 5 long Thom then nied. er as 6 How blest they who have not seen, are æ 0 glo 1 The King of heaven, rious King, the 2 a midst them came their Lord most dear, 3 how ris Lord, they had seen the en thee; 4 my hands, my feet, Ι show to he side; 5 saw the feet, the hands, the faith 6 and yet whose has con stant been, hell o'er death and Al - le - lu - ia! 1 rose tri umph-ing. 2 said, "My Al - le - lu - ia! and peace be all here." on 3 doubt - ed the dis Al - le - lu - ia! he ci ples' word. 4 not faith - less, but be liev ing be." Al - le - lu - ia! 5 "Thou art God," cried. Al - le - lu - ia! my Lord and he 6 for they life shall Al - le - lu ia! [Ant.] e ter nal win. Antiphon (at the end) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day. Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623

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CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.CelebrantAlmighty 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

The Hymnal, S280

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.*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

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.

Ecce, quam bonum!

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and **pleasant** it is, *

when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the **head** * that runs down upon the **beard**,

- 3 Upon the beard of **Aaron**, * and runs down upon the collar of his **robe**.
- 4 It is like the dew of **Hermon** * that falls upon the hills of **Zion**.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the **blessing**: * life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

The Sequence Hymn

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

The Hymnal, #209

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight. DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 The Rev. Lisa Chronister

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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

Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Bishop Poulson, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For Oklahoma City and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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 adds a concluding Collect

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

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture Please stand

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

CelebrantAll things come of thee, O Lord.PeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Anthem	When Christ Comes to Die St. John's Choir	Hal Hopson
	When Christ comes to die on Calvary	

Created things all hold their breath. They hide their face in the darkened sky; And nothing now moves on the hillside, Except a white lily blows in the dark heart of Spring.

When Mary comes seeking that first Easter morn,

She thinks her Lord sure to be dead. In grief for the Savior she weeps at the tomb. Her tears are soon turned into gladness; For there a white lily blows in the dark heart of Spring. Alleluia!

When death comes in all its terror by night, Disquieting all solitude; The Christ who arose from the dead proclaims; "The tomb is now empty forever." And still a white lily blows in the dark heart of Spring. Alleluia!

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to

be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace. The Hymnal, S163

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #178



Post Communion Prayer Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

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.

Recessional

The Hymnal, #205

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Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923) Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

Postlude

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER LIST

Please hold the following people in your ongoing prayers:

Alex Annette Audrey **Beverly Bradley** Bob Braiden Sarah Brewer Margaret Brown Lewis Honor Carr Nancy Carr Jeff Clemens Kathie Clemens Dave Coleson Dana Collins Sue Collins Dana David Sir Michael Dawson Stephanie Dunham Ed Sharon Ellington Eve Jean and John Freeman Agatha Gasperoni Myrna Gowman John Greiner Steve Hammontree Aimee Hanneman **Kimberly Hopper** Dr. J

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Monte Pratt Peter Mathew Reynolds Kathleen Rhodes Rob, Ruthie and Samuel Adrienne Robertson Sahar Scott Salladin Seth **Betty Sinclair** Family of Kenneth Sosna John Steward and Lee DeWitt Martha Steward Nancy Steward Susan Sydney and Troy Tina Tyler and Dru Vicki Donna Walters Mary Jo Watson Pat Westervelt Gordon Welch Will Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

We have a few upcoming needs for flowers. If you would like to donate towards flowers or candle in memory or honor of a loved one, please contract Nancy. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

13 Charlie Bornman

<u>Anniversaries</u>

There are no anniversaries this week

Announcements

UPDATE OF OFFICE HOURS Closed Monday and Thursday Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10-4

During this period of calm following Holy Week and Easter Sunday, there is a lull in church activity. The following activities are upcoming later this year. You will want to add these dates to your calendar and watch for further information in the future.

- April Sign up begins for 2025 Pilgrimage to England and Scotland
- Saturday, May 11th, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
- May 30th estimated date for groundbreaking on Phase II of St John's Park; construction to last approximately 30 days
- Memorial Day weekend end of childrens' and youth Sunday schools
- June, July Hickman Music School Camp Rock 3 1-week sessions
- September Community Outreach event; Ministry Fair; Sunday School resumes
- Sunday, October 6 Special guest priest, Fr. Malcolm Guite, to preach during two services that Sunday

If you have spiritual matters that need attention, please contact Fr. Nate at <u>nathan@commonplacebooksokc.com</u>

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