

# ST. STEPHEN'S

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2020

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Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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### The Word of God

*One* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*All* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

#### **Opening Prayer**

*All* 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.

## The Collect of the Day

*One* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*One* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## 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."

## Psalm *Said Together*

Psalm 16

- 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.

## **The Gospel**

*Standing*

John 20:19-31

*One*

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

*All*

**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 Judeans, 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.

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

## **The Response**

The Rev. Drew Downs

### **Prayers of the People**

*One*            Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

*One*            For peace from on high and for our salvation.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For Jennifer our bishop and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Ireland. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders: Joanna Benskin, Jason Fortner, Carolin Freuh, Joel Munoz, Yuri Rodriguez, Chip Russell, Rebekah Sims, Sam Vaught, and Allan Wallace; and the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan. In our neighborhood we pray for our 7th neighbors and our communion partners.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead, especially Jean Veach.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One*            For all those who have asked for our prayers: Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus, Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Lane Clark, Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Mike Hayden, Jason Paradowski, and Ashley Richey.

*All*             **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For ourselves, our families, and those we love.  
Remember those celebrating birthdays:  
    especially Kathryn Hillier and David Nearpass,  
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:  
    especially James Bryan, Alexis Fagg, Austin Fagg, Ethan Fagg, Jameson Bryan,  
    Isaiah Downs, Andrew Downs,  
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries:  
    especially Kerri England, Deborah Nearpass, Keely Floyd, and Robin Willis,

*All* **Glorify and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, Stephen and all the saints,  
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*All* **To you, O Lord.**

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

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ.  
Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your  
Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace** *Standing*

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

*People* *And also with you.*

## Spiritual Communion

*One* Let us pray as one:

*All* **In union, O Lord, with the faithful across the Church who cannot gather around the altar at this time, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I implore you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate us. May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*One* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*All* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Post-communion Prayer *Said by all*

*One* Lord of the Feast,  
*All* **we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

## Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## Dismissal

*One* Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
*All* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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