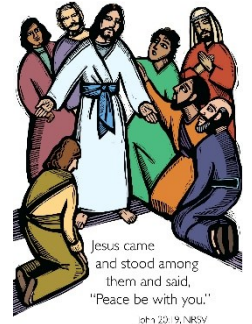




**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Epiphany Parish**  
**April 12, 2026 – 10:00am**  
**Rite II**



We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.

**The Prelude**

**The Word of God**

**The Opening Hymn**

**H#212, Awake, Arise**

**The Sunday School Song**

**'This is the Day'**

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it,  
and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord has made.

**The Word of God**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity**

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**The Gloria**

**S-280**

**The Collect of the Day (in Unison)**

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 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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **The Psalm 16**

<sup>1</sup> 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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup> 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 Epistle Reading**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **The Gradual Hymn**

**H#187, Through the Red Sea brought at last**

## **The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31 (NIV)**

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

*People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Christen H. Mills**

## **The Nicene Creed**

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## **The Prayers for the People Form VI**

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## **The Offertory Anthem**

**Epiphany Choir**

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## **The Eucharistic Prayer D**

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## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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## **The Communion Hymn**

**H#340, For the bread which you have broken**

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

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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**

## **The Welcome & Announcements**

## **The Closing Hymn**

**H#597 O day of peace**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessing for April**

**For a Birthday** - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For an Anniversary** - O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may continue to love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**For Thanksgiving and Celebration** (Adapted from the prayer 'For Joy in God's Creation' in the BCP)

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty:  
Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;  
that, by celebrating together with these your servants  
and rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve  
you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all  
things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Invitation for Spiritual Communion**

*This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament.* Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.