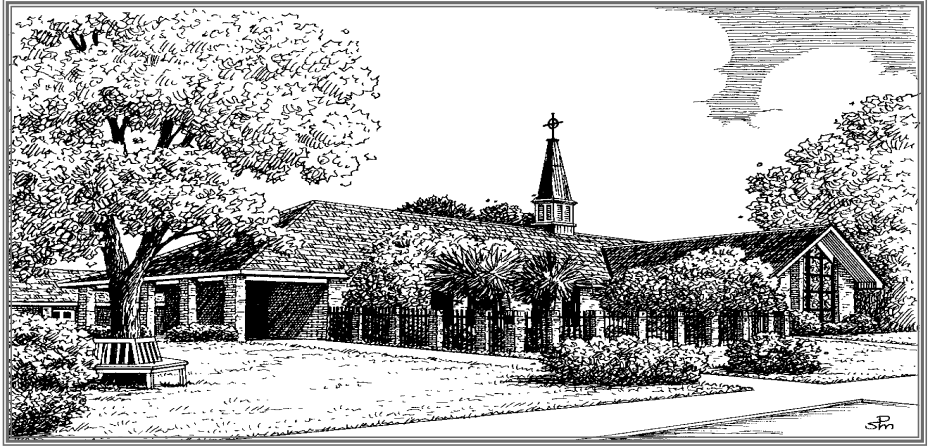


# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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April 12, 2026—10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday of Easter



*Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.*

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

### ***Mission Statement:***

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,  
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer  
to God through Jesus Christ.”*



## MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

Opening Hymn

No. 205

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

*The Celebrant continues*

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 following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

Gloria

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The Lord be with you

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

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.

First Lesson

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.

## 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.

## Second Lesson

I 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.

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Sequence Hymn

No. 178

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Gospel

John 20:19-31

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People* 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 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 or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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  
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.

## Prayers of the People: Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Celebrant 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 stands and says*

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 Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.*

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Anthem

Mozart

#### *Ave Verum Corpus*

Translation:

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,  
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.  
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary,  
Have mercy upon me. Amen.

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.

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

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 said by the Celebrant who then continues with*

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:

*The following is sung by the Congregation*

Sanctus

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

The Lord's Prayer  
And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*Celebrant 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.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Communion Hymn

We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight

No. 209

## Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary

*When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:*

## Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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.

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

## Closing Hymn

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

## Dismissal

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

*The People respond:*       **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Lay Ministers Serving Today

### Acolyte

William McIlwain

Benjamin Guelfo

Brennan Lemoine

### Altar Guild

Susan Alligood

Joan Barron

Lynda Bedeian

Liz Guerry

Jan MacNaughton

Marsha Sills

### Lector

Margie Gaudet

### LEM

Cheryl Palmer

Debbie Copeland

Celeste deFrances

### MC

Jane Thompson

### Usher

Alex Anderson

Buck Copeland

John East

Rob Hinkle

### LEV

Karen deFrances

### Greeter

Jean Blanche

Sharon Edmon

### Flower Guild

Loree Fields

Jean Blanche

### **Parish Choir**

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Owen Cope  
Don Hill  
Steve Irving  
Keith James  
Jennifer Johnson  
Cody King  
Jaden LeBean  
Katherine Norton

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Robin Sills  
Sarah Stogner-Dickinson  
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Laura Thomas  
Dr. Richard Webb  
Dr. Mark Zielinski  
Rhonda Zielinski  
Wilma Loe, Accompanist  
Terry R. Bowman, Director

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Rob Hawkins  
Bridget Collins  
Jackie Lawless

Robin Coever  
Jean Blanche  
Robin Sills  
Carolyn Grace Millet  
Brittany Allphin-Smith  
Margo Gonzalez  
Chinyere Agu

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Adam MacDowell-Jr. Warden  
Lacey Anderson-Secretary  
Brian Binck  
Gordon Denker  
John East

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David Holladay  
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Gloria McKenzie  
David Palmer

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