The Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019
10:30 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
10:30 a.m.  Holy Eucharist  Rite II
Organ Preludes

O Filii et Filiae
Francois Dandrieu

The Word of God

Hymn

This joyful Eastertide
Hymnal 192
The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.
1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3. 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.

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

5. 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

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

O God, you have breathed new life into us through your Holy Spirit: Grant that we, reborn in your Name, anointed by your Spirit, and nourished in your Body, may burn with the fire of your love throughout the world; through the Risen Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson Acts 5: 27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Psalm Psalm 150

Hallelujah!
   Praise God in his holy temple; *
   praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts; *
   praise him for his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
   praise him with lyre and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
   praise him with strings and pipe.
Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
   praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath *
   praise the LORD. Hallelujah!
Second Lesson  
Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Hymn  
We walk by faith, and not by sight  Hymnal 209

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gracious words we hear from him who spoke as
follow where he trod; but in his promise
may our faith abound, to call on you when
realms of clearer light we may behold you

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Celebrant: 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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The 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
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

Celebrant: Let us bring our thanksgivings, intercessions, and concerns before God who hears us when we pray.

Leader: Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. We especially thank you for the leadership of Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Tom, our Bishop, for our Bishop candidates: Shannon, Hillary, and Hilary, for our Interim Ministry Team, our Ministry Discernment Team and for the congregation of St. John the Baptist Church in Hardwick, Vermont and the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan). Silence

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made. We especially pray for those affected by changing weather patterns, melting glaciers, floods, droughts, wildfires, and loss of homes and livelihoods due to global warming. Silence

We are your stewards, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work. We pray that your guidance and love be felt by our President, Congress, Governor, State Legislature and those in positions of authority and justice. Silence

We are your servants, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all peoples; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us. May we find the grace to forgive those who have hurt us and to seek forgiveness from those we have wounded. Silence

We are made in your image, O God.

Guide us in your grace.
We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us. Gentle our restless spirits and guide us to the life you intend for us. *Silence*

You are the life within us, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. We especially remember those whom we name now either silently or aloud: _____________________. We also pray for those named in our parish: (Jeff, Sarah, Vinny, Don, Keung, Mike, Roger, Mary, Sarah, Lia, Stefanie, Stacey, Brooke, Tom, Carol, Sarah, Merritt, Bob, Dana, Judy, John, Bob, Cathy, Lorraine, Lou, Isaac, Dee), Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all our saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise. We especially remember those who have entered their new life with you, especially Charity Downs who crossed into life eternal last week. *Silence*

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

*Celebrant:* We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

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

*People:* And also with you.

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Celebrant:* All things come from you, O Lord,

*People:* And of your own have we given you.
The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is good and joyful that in your presence we give you thanks, Holy God, for you have included us in creation and made us in your glorious image. You have remembered us from our beginning and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us, and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with angels and archangels and with all the faithful in every generation, we give voice to all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

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.

Celebrant: Most generous, self-giving God, we celebrate your gift of creation. We rejoice that you have formed us in your image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world in to our care that we might be your faithful stewards and reflect your bountiful grace.
Through Abraham and Sarah you blessed us with a holy heritage.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets that we might realize the fullness of your promise.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we failed to see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you did not abandon us to sin and death but sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

United with us by incarnation through Mary and the Holy Spirit, and born into the human family, he showed us the way to freedom and life. Walking among us, he touched us with healing and transforming power, and showed us your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and became our salvation.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: “Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to this command, O God:

_Celebrant and People:_

We remember his death on the cross,
We proclaim the resurrection to new life,
We await the return of Christ in glory;

_The Celebrant continues:_

And we present to you from your creation, this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may be Christ’s Body in the world.
Remember your holy people, and, in the fullness of time, welcome us into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, that with the Apostle Stephen and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, O God, now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A chime will sound at The Breaking of the Bread symbolizing the culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer. Silence follows.

Celebrant: We are one bread, one body.
People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.

Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal S 154
Ministration of Communion

_Celebrant:_ The Gifts of God for the People of God.

_You are welcome at this table. To receive gluten free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion._

Healing Prayer

_Those who wish to have healing prayers are invited to join one of our priests in the Chapel after receiving communion._

Communion Hymn

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

_Hymnal 324_

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its van-guard on the way, as the Light of Light de-scenteth from the realms of endless day, Presence, as with cease-less voice they cry,
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleep less eye, veil their faces to the mind ed, for with blessing in his hand Vesture, in the Body and the Blood.

Christ our God to earth descend eth, he will give to all the faith ful that the powers of hell may vanish; “Alleluia, allelu ia!”
The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Creator of all, you have restored us in your image through Jesus our Savior, and you have united us in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Sustain us in our lives of service as a holy and consecrated body, through Christ, our life and our joy. Amen.

The Solemn Benediction

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of Baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Announcements
Recessional Hymn

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks-giving and song

Rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
to him be poured all ages along!

Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
For love in creation, for heaven restored,

And worship before him, in brightness arrayed,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150
Music: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
Dismissal

_Celebrant:_ Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
_People:_ The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

_Offertoire_ François Couperin

_Celebrant:_ The Reverend Larry Yarbrough
_Preacher:_ The Reverend Catherine Nichols
_Usher:_ Joe McVeigh
_Crucifer/Eucharistic Ministers:_ Rex Stratton, Meg Fitch
_Lectors:_ Andrew Demshuk, Joe McVeigh
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Welcome to St. Stephen’s!

It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 10:30 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you. For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!

- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with one of our wonderful caregivers Suzie Klemmer and Ashley Mayo.

- **Children’s “quiet bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.

- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Healing Prayer in Chapel: After receiving communion if you would like healing prayers for yourself or a loved one, you are welcome to proceed to the Chapel where one of our priests will pray with you.

If you have any **questions**, please ask any Vestry member – their nametags are marked.

There is an **elevator** in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office. Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers and hymns- you may sit if you prefer.