

The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
In-person & Zoom Worship
April 7, 2024 ♦ 10:30 am



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*

The Holy Eucharist

As we gather for worship, let us recognize and acknowledge that our bodies walk, pray and live in the hills and valleys that have been and continue to be the traditional, ancestral and unceded homeland of the Abenaki people.

The Word of God

Prelude

O filii et filiae

Pierre Dandrieu

Hymn 205

Gelobt sei Gott

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - jice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Gloria in excelsis LEVAS 241

David Hurd

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson (*Lector 1*)

Acts of the Apostles 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

The Choir sings the antiphon and it is then repeated by the congregation. The Choir then chants the psalm verses, with the congregation singing the antiphon where indicated.



1. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred 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. *[ANT.]*

4. It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5. For there has God ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore. *[ANT.]*

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Second Lesson (*Lector 2*)

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 787 WLP

Siyahamba

1.2. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
 3.4. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God. We are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God, we are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God. We are
hamb' e - ku - khan-nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -

march - ing, Oo We are
ham - ba Oo Si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God. We are
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -

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The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Charlie Nichols

All are invited to stand to say together **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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 (*Intercessor*)

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy, people and ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Mission, Fair Haven.

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, especially Brennan, Ethan, Dave, Jayden, Bob, Patrick, Allan, Erica, Tom, Stephen, Tommy, Dana, Isabel, Marjorie, Jack, Peter, Dick, Geoffrey, Barbara, Ella, Jeff, Sarah, Rita, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our power and our strength, hear the prayers we lift up to you for the concerns of our hearts . . .

All are encouraged to offer up any needs or concerns in prayer

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds the following Collect.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession

The Deacon says Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Let this day be filled with wonder

James Biery

Living God, we praise you for the day that you have made;
For the life that you have given, for the Church that you have called. Alleluia!
Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim the message;
Let your church sing out the news that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen,
Our Lord is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B expansive trial use version

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Sanctus

Jeffrey Smith

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. The Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 disciples, and said, "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, 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,
We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen, blessed Martin Luther King and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Jeffrey Smith



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

All: Repeat Alleluias.

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Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at this table. Please follow the direction of our ushers to approach the altar to receive Communion. After receiving the host, the consecrated wine may be received either directly by sipping from the chalice or in individual single-serve cups. Grape juice is available in single-serve cups for those who prefer this option.

For those joining us on Zoom it's suggested that the following prayer for spiritual communion be said during this time:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn 206

O filii et filiae



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peacc be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



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; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A blessing is offered, then all sing together

Hymn 208

Victory

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Festival March on “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
 and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Michael Burkhardt

Today's flowers are presented in honor of Ian Barber's 18th birthday by Mimi and Pop with gratitude that God has entrusted us with such a remarkable blessing.

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul V. Olsson

Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Charlie Nichols

Zoom Tech: Peter Dempewolf *Ushers:* Ed and Mary McGuire

Altar Guild: Ellen Fenn, Cathy Smid

Eucharistic Ministers: Meg Vittum, Chree Perkins

Lectors: Shannon Bohler, Ann Cooper *Intercessor:* Mary McGuire

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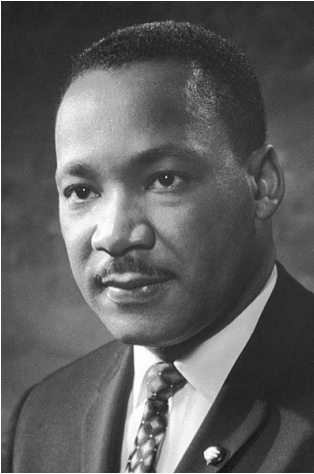
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Music Notes

The historic Easter Hymn, *O filii et filiae*, has words dating from the 16th century and a French tune somewhat older. It is most commonly used with the portion of the text telling the story of “Doubting Thomas.” The tune has been a popular one for French composers to use for variations, as in this morning’s prelude by Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733), Organist of Saint-Barthélemy (now destroyed) on Île de la Cité. American organist and professor, Michael Burkhardt, composed the postlude as the closing movement of an organ suite: A Celebration of Many Peoples, written to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of San Diego’s Balboa Park organ.



Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta. As the son and grandson of Baptist preachers, he was steeped in the Black Church tradition. To this heritage he added a thorough academic preparation, earning the degrees of BA, BD, and PhD in Systematic Theology from Boston University.

In 1954, King became pastor of a church in Montgomery, AL.

There, Black indignation at inhumane treatment on segregated buses culminated in December, 1955, in the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. King was catapulted into national prominence as the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott.

He became increasingly the articulate prophet, who could not only rally the Black masses, but could also move the consciences of Whites. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference to spearhead non-violent mass demonstrations against

racism. Many confrontations followed, most notably in Birmingham and Selma, AL, and in Chicago. King's campaigns were instrumental to the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 1965 and 1968. King then turned his attention to economic empowerment of the poor and opposition to the Vietnam War, contending that racism, poverty and militarism were interrelated. King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, "Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice," and promising never to leave him alone - "No, never alone." King refers to his vision as his "Mountain-top Experience." After preaching at Washington Cathedral on March 31, 1968, King went to Memphis in support of sanitation workers in their struggle for better wages. There, he proclaimed that he had been "to the mountain-top" and had seen "the Promised Land," and that he knew that one day he and his people would be "free at last." On the following day, April 4, he was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

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