



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

The Second Sunday of Easter

12 April 2026

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(currently on sabbatical)

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WELCOME to St John's this morning on the Second Sunday of Easter!



On this Second Sunday of Easter, we gather in the lingering light of the Resurrection, still holding the wonder - and the questions - of that first Easter Day. In today's Gospel from Gospel of John, we meet the disciples behind locked doors: fearful, uncertain, and unsure of what comes next. Into that place of anxiety, the risen Christ comes and stands among them, offering peace, showing his wounds, and breathing new life.

We also encounter Thomas, whose doubt is not a failure but a longing to see and know for himself. In him, we recognise our own searching, our own need for reassurance and encounter.

This is a Sunday of both faith and questioning, of wounds and peace, of absence and presence. Christ meets us where we are - not with condemnation, but with mercy - and calls us into the blessing of those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe.

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We are grateful to The Rev'd Robert Stanier for leading our worship today.

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St John the Divine, Richmond Team Ministry.***

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The clergy in the Richmond Team Ministry are always happy to meet for pastoral conversations about faith or to offer spiritual counsel. If you would like to speak with a member of the clergy, do be in touch directly or through the RTM Parish Office.

Prelude

Prelude in C Jules Massenet

*Please stand to sing the **Introit Hymn** when the bell rings.*

1 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.**

**2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.**

**3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.**

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.**

CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH (1807–1885)
A&M 194

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A welcome is given by the presiding priest.

The Penitential Act

Christ our Passover lamb has been
sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice
by putting away all malice and evil and
confessing our sins with a sincere and true
heart.

**Father eternal, giver of light and
grace, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour, in what
we have thought, in what we have
said and done, through ignorance,
through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We have wounded
your love, and marred your image in
us. We are sorry and ashamed, and
repent of all our sins. For the sake of
your Son Jesus Christ, who died for
us, forgive us all that is past, and lead
us out from darkness to walk as
children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly
repent have mercy upon you, pardon and
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness and keep
you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(2.14a, 22–32).*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: ‘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.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

The Psalm appointed for the day is led by the choir, and the congregation are invited to join in with the sung Response.

Response: In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,

all my good depends on you.’

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

3 Though the idols are legion
that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not
offer,
neither make mention of their names
upon my lips. **R**

4 The Lord himself is my portion and my
cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.

5 My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

6 I will bless the Lord who has given me
counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my
heart.

7 I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall. **R**

8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my
spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.

9 For you will not abandon my soul to
Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the
Pit. **R**

10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore. **R**

Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter to 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 honour 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn***

**I Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.**

**2 Man long in bondage lay,
brooding o'er life's brief span;
was it, O God, for naught,
for naught, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
shall hope undying end in death?**

**3 And God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.**

**4 Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.**

GEORGE WALLACE BRIGGS (1875–1959) A&M 211

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A seasonal sentence is sung

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20.19–end).

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit.

The 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 from the Holy Spirit
and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Kneel to pray.

Lord, in your mercy *or*: Lord, hear us.
Hear our prayer *or* Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

The presiding priest prays.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

The peace of Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We greet each other with a sign of peace, and then sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

**1 Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:**

**4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:**

**5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:**

***We soon shall hear the archangel's
voice;***

the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

CHARLES WESLEY (1707–1788)
A&M 769

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cash plate at the back of church. Thank you!*



Preparation of the Altar

The Offertory

*The Altar is prepared and bread and wine are
placed upon it.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have
received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human
hands, it will become for us the bread of
life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have
received the wine we offer you: fruit of
the vine and work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my
sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory
of his name, for our good and the
good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and
hell and restored in men and women the
image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life
eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the
powers of all creation sing for ever the
hymn of your glory:

***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.***

Please kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.* When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Divine, St Mathias, St Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

The Great Amen is sung.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

***Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.***

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Church of England welcomes baptised members of all Christian traditions to receive Communion. If it is your usual practice to receive Communion, you are very welcome to do so here.

Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion. If you would like to know more about Baptism or Confirmation, please do speak to the clergy.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:

The true and living Bread David Blackwell

Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life and in baptism have
made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

The Dismissal

We stand to sing our **Recessional Hymn.**

**I Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.**

**2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.**

**3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia.**

**4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.**

**5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.**

Jesus lebt! mit ihm auch ich
CHRISTIAN FÜRCHTEGOTT GELLERT (1715–1769)
translated by FRANCES ELIZABETH COX (1812–1897)
A&M 207

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

God the Father; by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you this day and always.
Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



The Regina Caeli

*On Sundays we remain standing to sing the
Regina Caeli.*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Let us pray:

O God who by the resurrection of your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to
the whole world, grant that through the help of his
Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of
everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Postlude

Marche de Procession Alexandre Guilmant

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER OUR WORSHIP!