

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Evening Prayer**

April 12, 2026

5:00 p.m.

*St. James Episcopal Church ☩ Alexandria, LA*

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*Please ensure that you have clicked the "Mute" button on your ZOOM toolbar until the end of our service, after which you are invited to "unmute" and stay for a brief time of greeting and fellowship.*

*You can find a free electronic version of the Book of Common Prayer at <https://bcponline.org/>  
Evening Prayer begins on page 115.*

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Officiant* Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

O Gracious Light

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Psalm 111

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Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.**

Psalm 112

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Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Psalm 113

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Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
praise the Name of the LORD.

**Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

**He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

(43:8-13)

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

8. The Song of Moses

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.**

**This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.**

**The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.**

**Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

**You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.**

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

(1:1-7)

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

20. Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
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;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.**

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

(14:1-7)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us 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.**

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That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful.

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mark, James, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

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.**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please offer your own prayers and intercessions either silently or aloud.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Leonidas Polk Memorial, Leesville; Trinity, DeRidder, the Rev. James Lueckenhoff (Linda).

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant*        Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The Officiant then concludes with*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*