

Sunday 12th April 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn CAHON 680 This joyful Eastertide

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen,
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Lesson **Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 14a and 22 to 32.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ²²'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—²³this 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. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For 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;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹Fellow 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.

³⁰Since 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. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Lesson.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-31

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 20, verses 19 to 31.

Sun 9am **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Sun 10.45 **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

¹⁹When 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.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.’

²⁶A 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.' ²⁷Then 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.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Sun 9am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

We offer particular prayers for

Hilary, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Masami, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Joseph, Johnny, Alison B., Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers those in our Year's Mind this week:
Judy Gibbon, John Small, Susan Jenkins, Dick Watt, Eleanor Burns.

Sun 9am Proper Preface (*Prayer Book p. 344*)

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee
for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
for he is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us;
and hath taken away the sin of the world;
who by his death hath destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.
Therefore with Angels....

Offertory Hymn CAHON 77 Blest are the pure in heart

Anthem Most Glorious Lord of Lyfe Armstrong Gibbs

Post Communion Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter

Father, we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands the bread of life.

Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn CAHON 575 Put peace into each other's hands

Readings for the day

*Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; *John 20: 19-31

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