

The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.
We are especially delighted today to welcome our Bishop,
the Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Celebrant and Preacher.
We pray God's peace and joy for you this Eastertide.

The flowers at the altar are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
in thanksgiving for the lives of two strong women and wonderful mothers,
Clare Herrema and Lallita Khokher.

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 A.M.

Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
For the readings see 10:30 am.

CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS AT 10:30 A.M.

Celebrant & Preacher The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson
Assisting The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
 The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine, Grace Rockett
Servers Paul Mitchell, Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo,
 Celine Wong, Vincent Wong
Communion Minister Spencer Higgins
Musicians Mervin Fick - Director of Music
 Parish Choristers
Mass Settings Gloria – *A Community Mass, David Hurd*
 Sanctus/Benedictus & Agnus Dei – *Deutsche Messe, F. Schubert*

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory
of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Chorale Fantasia on 'Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands'*

J.S. BACH

Hymn 231 *That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Greeting

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant

May His grace and peace be with you.

All

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant

Almighty God,

All

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Gloria

D. HURD

Celebrant

Glory to God in the highest,

All

and peace to his 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.

The Collect

Celebrant

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.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *Acts 2.14a, 22-32*

Read by Cole Hayward

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.”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;’²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’²⁹“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.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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine* *Sung by cantor/all. Please remain seated.* TONE VII.2

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

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

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Epistle 1 Peter 1.3-9

Read by Jen Crawford

Reader A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

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, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so 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 honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although 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, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 232 vv. 1-4 *Jesus is Risen from the Grave*

CHILDER

The Holy Gospel *John 20.19-31*

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.” 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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn 232 vv. 5-end *Jesus is Risen from the Grave*

CHILDER

Homily *Please be seated*

Choir *O Sons and Daughters*

ARR. WALFORD DAVIES

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see,
Who sat, and spake unto the three,
Your Lord doth go to Galilee. Alleluia!*

*That night th'apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said, My peace be on all here. Alleluia!*

*How blessed are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been;*

For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days

Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise

To Thee, in jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

Led by Spencer Higgins

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world saying, 'Hear us Lord of glory'.

The prayers follow. The Celebrant concludes:

Gracious and loving God, grant these our prayers as may be best for us. Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day and to one another in genuineness of faith, that Christ may be seen in all we do and say; so, may your name be praised, today and all days. **Amen.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. In this Easter season, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All **I do.**

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

All

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

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All

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.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All

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.

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

God the Creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And also with you.

*We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you.
The congregational is sprinkled with water as a reminder of our Baptism.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 244 *We Walk by Faith*

SHANTI

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the Paschal Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he was won for us eternal life. Therefore joining our voices with the whole company of Heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** COMMON PRAISE #735
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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord 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 he 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, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

CP HYMN BOOK 744 - ARR. GEORGE BLACK

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us that we may live in you.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when at the altar.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar, and standing at the St Peter's Altar in the south aisle
- Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.
- Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing will be administered in the north and south aisles.

Agnus Dei

COMMON PRAISE # 747

All **Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Communion Hymn 84 *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

ST OSMUND

Motet *Here O My Lord*

PERCY WHITLOCK

*Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; here would we touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace and all my weariness upon Thee lean. Here would I
feed upon the bread of God, here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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 each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **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.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 226 *Through the Red Sea Brought at Last*

WÜRTEMBERG

Dismissal

Leader Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Chorale Prelude on 'At the Lamb's High Feast'*

T. BECK

**Please join us for lunch in the Parish Hall
as we celebrate Bishop Kevin's visit and Father Geoff's ministry at SPSS
as he moves to his appointment as Sub Dean and Vicar
of St James' Cathedral in May.**

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Archdeacons and Canon Administrator of the Diocese.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for* St. Bede, its support of Bluffs food bank, Christmas outreach programs, and education and advocacy initiatives;
for St. Bride, Clarkson, its involvement in the Caring and Sharing network, Compass community centre and food bank, and Community Church Volunteers, and its support of Hands Across the Nation outreach in developing countries; *and for* St. Christopher, its support of FaithWorks and its community environmental stewardship programs.

Parish Cycle: Safi Shirsai, Doug Shorthouse and David Willans, Veronika Silver and family.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.



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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sunday 9.00 am
 10.30 am

Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit
1st and 3rd Sundays: Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2nd Sunday: Choral Matins (unless announced)
4th Sunday: Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
5th Sunday & Evensong: - As Announced

Wednesday 11.00 am

Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite