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# Sunday Worship

April 12, 2015 – 10:00 AM

**Second Sunday of Easter**

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

**\*Gathering Song: Holy, Holy, Holy** – Hymn 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

**Priest:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Priest:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

**\*Song of Praise: How Great Is Our God** – Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice. How great is our God!  
Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. How great is our God!  
Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

**\*All:** 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.

**A Reading from I John**

(5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. .

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Song: Yours Is a Higher Throne** - Keith Getty and Kristyn Lennox

Yours is a higher throne than all this world has known; Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before your Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace - Salvation comes.

*(Chorus:)* Hear heaven's voices sing; Your thund'rous anthem rings through em'rald courts and sapphire skies, your praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to You our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before Your throne; We'll honor You in perfect song where we belong. You'll wipe each tear-stained eye, and thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; We'll reign with You. *(Chorus – 2 Times)*

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(20:19-31)

**All:** 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.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

## **Sermon** (please be seated)

**\*Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 the People**

**Leader:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Manakin Sabot, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Dollar General that the employees would live solid productive lives, business would increase, and many people would be well served in our community by this franchise, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** That the congregations and clergy of St. Paul's, Alexandria; Emmanuel, Delaplane; Trinity, Upperville, would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the Spirit of Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of hope, of possibility, eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings life out of death to people and communities, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would fulfill its God given purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** In the communion of St. Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*Exchange of Peace

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory: Transfigure Us O Lord - Bob Hurd

*(Refrain:)* Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word, and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.

Down from heights of glory into the depths below, the love of God self-emptied, the love of God to show. You light the path before us, the way that we must go. *(Refrain)*

Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill, glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills; in these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep, a drink of living water for all who thirst and seek, and feasting at your table, the lowly and the least. *(Refrain)*

To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go; your face set toward the ending, the cross to be your throne. Shall we journey with you and share your paschal road? *(Refrain)*

**\*Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* Eucharistic Prayer** - from combined sources (please stand)

**Priest:** Christ is risen!

**All:** Christ is risen indeed.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Priest:** Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**All (Sung):** Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

**Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)**

**All:** All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

**Priest:** Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All:** Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

**Priest:** Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

**All:** By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song: The Father's Song** – Matt Redman

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues, but there is one that sounds above them all. The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart.

*(Chorus:)* Heaven's perfect melody, the Creator's symphony. You are singing over me, the Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The King of love has sent for me and now you're singing over me, the Father's song.

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Song of Dismissal: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)** – Matt Redman

*(Chorus:)* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name; sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again; whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Chorus)*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind; for all Your goodness, I'll keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore. *(Chorus)*

**Priest:** Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

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

## Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd  
The Symphony Retirement Community  
Wayne Connors

Linda Eggleston  
Christians in the Middle East

Robin and John Snow  
Paula Gordon

## Your Vestry Members are:

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker  
Libby Clark

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

12-Apr	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
19-Apr	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
26-Apr	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
3-May	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
10-May	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker
17-May	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford
24-May	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
31-May	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Jun	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd



## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, April 12	The Parke Huddle	Walker's	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 19	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 22	Aspire Dance Academy Recital	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

### Reconciliation Follow-Up: Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions

At the diocesan Annual Council meeting in January, Bishop Shannon Johnston announced the start of a new racial reconciliation initiative for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in 2015. The first step in this initiative is a series of listening sessions to take place across the Diocese, and we want our church to be represented at these important events. You're invited to join in one of three Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions that will take place this spring in northern and central Virginia. Additional sessions will take place in the eastern and western portions of the Diocese in the fall. These gatherings will be an opportunity for participants to speak their hearts and minds in a safe, non-reactive environment. Registration is not necessary, but you can indicate which session you'll attend on the diocesan website at [thediocese.net/events](http://thediocese.net/events).

- Thursday, April 16: Epiphany, Richmond, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18: Trinity, Fredericksburg, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 23: The Falls Church, Falls Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

### Our Missional Communities:

**The Parke:** The Parke outreach meets on April 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for a huddle at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com).

**Symphony** meets on April 26, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. at Symphony Manor of Richmond 12411 Gayton Rd; Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at 400-7895.

**Financial Update**—If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u><b>Deposits</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>	<u><b>or (Loss)</b></u>
<b>2015</b>			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	<b>(\$3,093.10)</b>
February	\$11,139.66	\$9,378.57	<b>\$1,761.09</b>
March	<u>\$7,564.33</u>	<u>\$7,116.15</u>	<u><b>\$448.18</b></u>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$23,344.99</b>	<b>\$24,228.82</b>	<b>(\$883.83)</b>
April	\$1,125.00	\$719.10	<b>\$405.90</b>
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u><b>\$0.00</b></u>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>	<b>\$719.10</b>	<b>\$405.90</b>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$24,469.99</b>	<b>\$24,947.92</b>	<b>(\$477.93)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>Beginning</b></u>	<u><b>Ending</b></u>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$31,527.89	<b>(\$477.93)</b>

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