



Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017 at 8 & 10 a.m

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH! Eastertide is the most festive season in the Church Year. For 50 days we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and his many appearances to his friends, until his Ascension into heaven. Glorious flowers, the liturgical colors of white and gold, numerous "Alleluias!" and joyful music - all mark the victory of Christ over death, breaking its hold over everyone and freeing us to be people of Good News.

HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all Christians, regardless of age. This is the Lord's Table and not ours, and no one who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be turned away. Both the consecrated bread and wine are offered to all; and gluten-free wafers are available. You may also come to the altar rail for a blessing. Communion can be brought to anyone who finds steps difficult – please alert an usher.

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The Right Reverend Wendell N. Gibbs, Bishop

The Reverend Susan Anslow Williams, Rector

The Reverend Jim Maxwell, Retired Priest in Residence

Patti Fraley, Intern

Suzanne Gore, Interim Director of Music

HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Greeting and Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is risen! R: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Collect for Purity

Gloria in Excelsis, *said by all*

BCP p. 366

Collect of the Day: The Lord be with you. R. *And also with you.*

lesson insert

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32

sit, see insert

Gradual Psalm 16

see insert

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

see insert

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

stand, see insert

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams, Rector*

sit

Nicene Creed

stand, BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People for Easter

stand; bulletin, p. 6

The Peace *Let us greet one another in the name of our risen Lord!*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

stand; BCP p. 361

Sanctus, *said by all*

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.

In Easter the congregation is encouraged to remain standing after the Sanctus.

Memorial Acclamation *said during the Eucharistic Prayer:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread, *silence is first observed.*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

R. *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

kneel or stand, BCP p. 365

Easter Blessing

Dismissal R: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

HOLY EUCHARIST at 10:00 A.M.

Prelude: *Seeking God's Light*

B.A. Miller

The Word of God

Opening Hymn **182**, "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

stand

Greeting and Opening Acclamation

*Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen! Response: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Collect for Purity

Gloria in Excelsis, *sung by all*

Music is found at Hymn S-280

Glory to God in the highest, 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.**

Collect of the Day: The Lord be with you. R. *And also with you.*

lesson insert

Please be seated for the lessons.

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32

sit, see insert

Gradual Psalm 16

see insert

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

see insert

Sequence Hymn **193**, "That Easter day with joy was bright"

stand

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

insert

Response before the Gospel:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams, Rector

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stand, BCP p. 358

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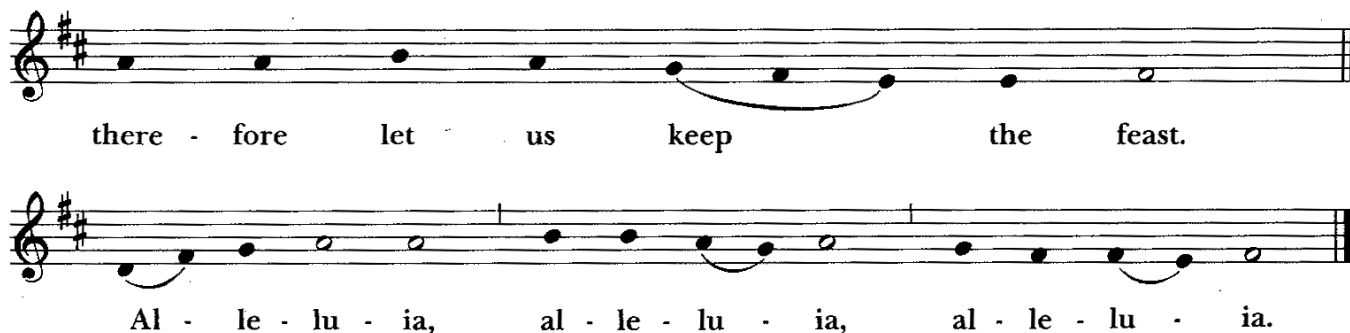
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Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: "I know that my Redeemer Liveth"

arr. W. Stickles



The Communion

Holy Communion is administered at the rail and all are welcome. Please follow the guidance of the ushers. If mobility is difficult, Communion can be brought to you in the pew.

Music during Communion:

Anthem: “*Because He Lives*” Soloist: Sue Gore

G. and W. Gaither

Hymn 209, “We walk by faith, and not by sight”

Post-Communion Prayer

kneel or stand, BCP p. 365

Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn 492 “Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”

stand

Dismissal R: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude: “*Praise the Lord of Lords*”

M.L. Williams

Please join us for refreshments after the service, in the Parish Hall

Today our Fellowship Hour is hosted by “Crafting Kindness,” our hand-made-outreach group of stitchers, knitters, quilters and more. See some of the projects they have completed or are currently working on. Want to learn a new skill, or just help find the right recipients for our work? Members of the group will be on hand to talk! They are also raising funds to ship a large box of hand-made children’s dresses and yarns to an Episcopal Convent in Haiti, which is going to cost \$160 in postage for both stages of the journey.

LifeTouch Photography Sessions begin today; continuing Monday and Tuesday (April 23-25) as we undertake a new photo directory. If you are scheduled soon after worship today, you can wait in the Parish Hall for your name to be called. Later in the afternoon and on Monday or Tuesday, please enter through the back, Parish Hall doors. There are still some slots available! Find Katy Allen or Mother Susan today, or go to our website: www.ststephentroy.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EASTER

Leader: Let us pray for the people and nations of the world, that all may be freed from the power of death and know the joy of God's love.

People: **Jesus stood among the disciples and said: "Peace be with you."**

Let us pray for the Church and Christians everywhere who are celebrating Jesus' Resurrection during these Great 50 Days of Easter; especially remembering the churches in our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**; our own clergy and Vestry; and our fellow parishioners of St Stephen's on the **Parish Prayer Cycle**. (*silence*)

Lord Jesus, we are your disciples: **Give us your peace.**

Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism: Colton, Jackson and Kachi, and their families; that the light of Christ will shine brightly in their lives, and in ours. (*silence*)

Lord Jesus, we are your disciples: **Give us your peace.**

Let us pray for peace in the world: for our country and its leaders, especially our Senators, Representatives, and Donald our President; for our state and local leaders; and for those we love **Serving in the military**. (*silence*)

Lord Jesus, we are your disciples: **Give us your peace.**

Let us pray for those who are in any need or trouble, especially (*names*) with **Immediate Prayer Concerns**. We also silently lift up to you those who continue to need your healing mercies with Long Term Prayer Concerns, and those we would like to name aloud. (*silence*)

Lord Jesus, we are your disciples: **Give us your peace.**

Let us pray for the **Departed**, especially those for whom Easter Flowers were given (*and additional names*), that they may rejoice with all your saints in heaven. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. (*silence*)

Lord Jesus, we are your disciples: **Give us your peace.**

Priest: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace follows

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

Military Prayer List Ian L'Hommedieu, Stephen L'Hommedieu, Kyle Rogowski, Clayton Ulrich, Stephen Armstrong, Jim Sands, Nathan Cremeans, Stephanie Herderich, Kyle Church, Brendon Church, Benjamin Church.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Grace Church, Southgate; Holy Cross, Novi. We pray also for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; and our own Bishop Wendell Gibbs, Jr.

Parish Cycle of Prayer Ronny, Silvia and Diana Karlsson
Richard and Diane Kenefic

Immediate Prayer Concerns Mary Bandsuch, Mark Hetzel, Elizabeth Grantham, Dante Vannelli, Kyle Merian, Annie Sharp, Enid Hausding, Charles Carnagie, Richard Slater, Sally Granger, Lloyd Coon, Jim Sherman, Ron Gural, Dan Stewart, Owen Canavan, Simon Caulfield, Diane Kenefic, Kathy Sebrowski

Long Term Prayer Concerns Adrian Gross, Ron Converse, Larry Nunn, Charles Saylor, Zoey Rose, Betsy McLachlan, Kyle J, Joyce Vance, Thelma DePew, Betty Feighner, Gary Feighner, Beth L., Charmel Maki, Joe Simler, Greg Thompson, Tristyn Yant, Arch Coran, Jerralyn Burrell, Cathlyn Duncan

The Departed Jeffrey Gross, *son of Adrian Gross*

MINISTERS of the LITURGY

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Brent Fragnoli
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Mark Pierce
Sunday 10 a.m.	Linda Pierce (LC), Kathryn Hassel (PC)
Youth Lector	Gillian Grubb
Acolytes	Mackenzie Hardy (C), Evan Vida (1 st), Chloe Ingersoll (2 nd)

UPCOMING
Events

It's almost Auction time! Our annual, J2A Pilgrimage Fundraiser is on Saturday **May 6**, and the youth are seeking donations of really nice stuff. Like the gorgeous quilts from Crafting Kindness that you'll see displayed at Fellowship. Talk with Ken Fuhr about how you can help!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Please refer to our online CHURCHWIDE calendar for the most up to date and accurate information (access via www.ststephenstroy.org, select "Calendar" listed on the left side of the home page).

Sunday April 23

Quiet Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
YACYM Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with music	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for Pre-K to 5 th Graders	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for Youth in 6 th Grade and Older	11:15 a.m.
Photo Directory Appointments	11:30 a.m.

Monday April 24

Men's Bible Study, Leo's Coney on Opdyke, all are welcome	7:00 a.m.
Photo Directory Appointments	2:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 25

Photo Directory Appointments	2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday April 26

Tiny Tunes Music (private)	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, <i>all are welcome</i>	10:00 a.m.

Thursday April 27

Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
AA	8:30 p.m.

Friday April 28

Tiny Tunes Music (private)	9:30 a.m.
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Saturday April 29

Spring Clean Up, <i>all are welcome</i>	9 a.m.
Altar Guild prep	9:30 a.m.
Crafting Kindness Day	10:00 a.m.
Persian House of Michigan (private)	2:00 p.m.
Informal Eucharist	4:30 p.m.

Sunday April 30

Quiet Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist and Baptism	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for Pre-K to 5 th Graders	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for Youth in 6 th Grade and Older	11:15 a.m.