



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026 + 8:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Hymn 180

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “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— this 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “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. Since 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Psalm 16

BCP 599

The Second Lesson:

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

Holy Gospel:

John 20:19-31

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."

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The Homily

Rev. Mark Lafler

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer 1

BCP 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Communion

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Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

The Procession into the World

Hymn 182

The Dismissal



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The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026 + 10:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession into the Church

Hymn 180

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymn S-280

The Collect of the Day

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.*

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The Sequence**Hymn 296****The Gospel:****John 20:19-31**

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The Homily**Rev. Mark Lafler****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****The Prayers of the People (Form III)****BCP 387****Confession of Sin****BCP 360****The Peace****BCP 360****Welcome and Announcements****THE HOLY COMMUNION****The Offertory****The Doxology****Hymn 380, vs. 3****Eucharistic Prayer A****BCP 361****The Sanctus****Hymn S-125****The Lord's Prayer****BCP 364****Fraction Anthem****Hymn S-161****The Communion**

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Communion Hymn**Organ****Healing Prayers****The Post Communion Prayer****BCP 365****The Blessing****The Procession****Hymn 182****Dismissal****BCP 366**

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is the Great Fifty Days?

The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word *pentecost* (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. EDWARD'S MINISTRY FAIR will be held today and next Sunday, April 19th following each service at the coffee hours. Come and see all the ministries that are offered here and look to see how you can be involved.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE will take place at 9:30 this morning. All are welcome to participate in this moving event.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets on Saturday, April 18th at 8:30 am in Hartridge Hall.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY is next week April 19th at the 10:00 am worship. Our preschool children are invited to share their songs with us and a special offering will be received to support the continuing ministry of St. Edward's Preschool and VPK.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST is celebrated on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm in the Church. This mid-week worship follows the readings for the Lesser Feasts and Fasts. We also pray through the Healing Litany, and our worship is accompanied by the violin. You are invited to come and worship.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Butterfly Release-9:30 am
Ministry Fair between services
EYC-12:00 noon
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday Reading with the Rector -11:30 am
Wednesday Preschool Chapel – 11:25 am
Wednesday Eucharist-12:15 pm
Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast-8:30 am

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Janet Martin 04/14 John Stollmeyer 04/16
Sandra Bradham 04/17

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Dwight Cook	04/12	Alan Horne	04/12
Jean Cole	04/13	Owen Conner, Jr.	04/14
Florence MacMichael	04/14	Ruth Morris	04/14
Edith Locke	04/14	Paul Potsko	04/15
Bella Porter	04/16	Ruth Witherell	04/16
Mary McLin	04/17		

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Lorraine M. Greg S. Barbara C. Luanne W. Ellen D. MJ
Smith Carole M.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Laura Cain
Trevor Orr	Steve Husted	Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley	Hunter Penley	

CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne
St. Sebastian's by the Sea, Melbourne Beach
For our parish members Daryl, Jessica and Emerson Ezell

SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Tré Conrader	Michael Viel
Second Reading	Janet Martin	Marilyn Minchey
LEM 1	Tré Conrader	Michael Viel
LEM 2	Janet Martin	Marilyn Minchey
Ushers	Patti Conrader Steve Nichols	Harry Hackney Merideth Nagel
Deacon	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Leah Felcher	Cheryl Hogan
Screens	Sandy Minkoff	Trinity Viel
Video	Madeline Lafler	
Postulant	Dennis Hartenstein	
Music	St. Edward's Choir	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell
Nursery Director: Cathy Love
Steward: Walter Burkhalter