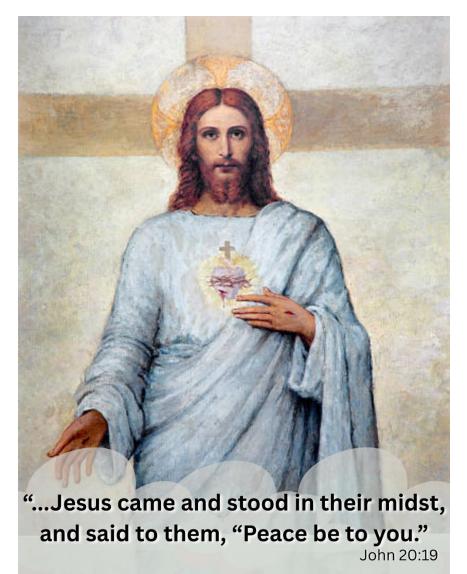
Second Sunday of Easter



10:30 Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, April 27th, 2025

"Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation"

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, 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.

Sentence: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. John 20.29

Please stand.

Hymns are from "The Celebration Hymnal" in the pews. Low In The Grave He Lay (Christ Arose) Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Saviour

Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes He arose a victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose He arose Hallelujah Christ arose

Vainly they watch His bed Jesus my Saviour Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord

Death cannot keep his prey Jesus my Saviour He tore the bars away Jesus my Lord CCLI Song # 27783

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Oz: Alleluia! Christ is risen. People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Rev. Oz: May his grace and peace by with you. People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

GLORY TO GOD (sung)

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.

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings We will glorify the Lamb We will glorify the Lord of lords Who is the Great I AM

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty We will bow before His throne We will worship Him in righteousness We will worship Him alone O hallelujah to the King of kings Hallelujah to the Lamb Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords Who is the Great I AM CCLI Song # 19038

Please be seated. Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READINGS

First Reading – Acts 5:27-32

Reader: A reading from Acts

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the Council. The high priest interrogated them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you put to death by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹ He is the One whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150
¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.
² Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.
³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; praise him with lyre and harp.
⁴ Praise him with lyre and harp.
⁵ Praise him with strings and pipe.
⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Second Reading – Revelation 1:4-8

Reader: A reading from Revelations

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— ⁶ and He made us *into* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel – John 20:19-31

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were *together* due to fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and *said to them, "Peace *be* to you." ²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* to you; just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been retained."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ Eight days later His disciples were again inside, and Thomas *was* with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace *be* to you." ²⁷ Then He *said to Thomas, "Place your finger here, and see My hands; and take your hand and put it into My side; and do not continue in disbelief, but *be* a believer." ²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you *now* believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed." ³⁰ So then, many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name. Reader: The Gospel of Christ. People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand. THE NICENE CREED **Leader:** Let us confess our faith, as we say, People: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

Please kneel or sit to pray. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.
Rev. Oz: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

When We Walk With The Lord

CCLI Song # 7017786

When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word What a glory He sheds on our way While we do His good will He abides with us still And with all who will trust and obey

Trust and obey For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus But to trust and obey

Not a shadow can rise Not a cloud in the skies But His smile quickly drives it away Not a doubt nor a fear Not a sigh nor a tear Can abide while we trust and obey

Not a burden we bear Not a sorrow we share But our toil He doth richly repay Not a grief nor a loss Not a frown nor a cross But is blessed if we trust and obey But we never can prove The delights of His love Until all on the altar we lay For the favor He shows And the joy He bestows Are for those who will trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet Or we'll walk by His side in the way What He says we will do Where He sends we will go Never fear only trust and obey

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Oz: 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 true 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 has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we say our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: 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.

Rev. Oz: 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;

Rev. Oz: 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 forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, People: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Oz: Lord, we died with you on the cross.
People: Now we are raised to new life.
Rev. Oz: We were buried in your tomb.
People: Now we share in your resurrection.
Rev. Oz: Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God. People: Thanks be to God. If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font.

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

<u>Communion is an important part of our worship. Please</u> use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of Him Who brings good news good news Announcing peace Proclaiming news of happiness Our God reigns our God reigns

Our God reigns our God reigns Our God reigns our God reigns

He had no stately form He had no majesty That we should be drawn to Him He was despised And we took no account of Him Yet now He reigns with the Most High

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty He is alive He is alive God loves us so see here His hands His feet His side CCLI Song # 8458

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him Open our ears Lord And help us to listen Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus

Open our hearts Lord That we might receive You Open our spirits And teach us to worship Open our lips Lord And teach us to praise You Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus CCLI Song # 1572

The Servant King

From heav'n You came helpless babe Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd Not to be served but to serve And give Your life that we might live

> This is our God the Servant King He calls us now to follow Him To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears My heavy load He chose to bear His heart with sorrow was torn Yet not my will but Yours He said

Come see His hands and His feet The scars that speak of sacrifice Hands that flung stars into space To cruel nails Surrendered

So let us learn how to serve And in our lives enthrone Him Each other's needs to prefer For it is Christ we're serving CCLI Song # 78897

Please stand. Post Communion Hymn Because He Lives

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus He came to love heal and forgive He bled and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives

> Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living Just because He lives

How sweet to hold our newborn baby And feel the pride and joy he gives But greater still the calm assurance This child can face uncertain days Because Christ lives

And then one day I'll cross that river I'll fight life's final war with pain And then as death gives way to vict'ry I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He reigns CCLI Song # 16880

Please stand. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: 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. **People: Amen.**

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: 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.

THE BLESSING

Rev Oz: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

> Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise (chorus)

DISMISSAL Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen. All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. All: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.
Leader: God has claimed us as his own.
All: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.
Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of the People – April 27th, 2025

James wrote, "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16b) This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

St. Andrew, Gleichen The Rev. Brad Everett St. Michael & All Angels, Strathmore The Rev. Malcolm Kern Missional Coaches

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Mary, Bequia (bek-way) with Holy Cross, Paget Farm, Mustique; St. Michael, Canouan; and St. Matthias, Union Island The Ven. J. Everton Weekes The Rev. Frank Garraway

In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba- Northwestern Ontario Synod

Together

For our full communion partner churches The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based Episcopal Church (TEC)

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Designate Mark Carney, Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark Mayor of Redcliff, Dwight Kilpatrick

OUR WORLD

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship Persecuted Christians everywhere

OUR CITY CHURCHES

Medicine Hat Church of God

Don Gries

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec.
Reverend John Willems- Blenda & their family.
Jim & Joanne MacFarlane; Grace Marshall; Hugh & Bonnie McDonald; & their families.
Wardens ~ Elaine and Gord
Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia and Jerusha in Ghana
The GriefShare Program
The Saturday Meal Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Shirley; Tyler; Kaylyn; Tamara; Jimmy; Maggie; Shannon; Connie; Chad & family; Grace M; Celeste; John C; Mike; Sherry; Deanna; Betty Ann; Kevin; Wade; Harvey; Arleen; Becca; Chase; Alicia and their families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713.



We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:	
Celebrant	Reverend Oz Lorentzen
Lay Reader	Lionel Brideson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Windjack
Music	Jill Gloin
Reader(s)	Grace Marshall & Lea Roe
Greeters	Ric & Anne Carrier
Bread/Wine Presenters	Sharon & Mickey Todd
Sound Board	Al Deans
Lock-up	Steve Gloin
Offering Counters	John Fedoruk, Ric Carrier, Steve
	Gloin
Altar Guild	Darcee & Liz