

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER
April 12, 2026 Lectionary Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32 Patrick Palmer
Psalm 16 Refrain: (all sit) "Protect me, O God, for I take
BCP page 646 refuge in you."
Epistle 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 Gail Lue Lim
Gospel John 20:19 - 31
Prayer of Intercession BCP Form C page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON
(Corporate for the Mothers' Union)

Introit O how He loves you and me (Choir)
Processional 165 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32 Maureen Allen
Psalm 16 BCP page 646 Chanted (all stand)
Epistle 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 Barbara Williams
Gradual 170 Because He lives
Gospel John 20:19 - 31
Children leave for Sunday School
Sermon Ven. Patrick Cunningham
The Creed Hymn 561
Intercession BCP Form C page 107
Anthem I am - The Choir
Offertory 178 O sons and daughters, let us sing
During Communion 568, 605, 612
Sunday School 666 Praise Him, praise Him
Recessional 168 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

Christian Passover Prayer

O God, who by your mighty power, raised your Son Jesus Christ and destroyed death, and has given us New Life of Abundant Peace and everlasting joy. Grant that we who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and bear witness to your Life-Giving Spirit, and rejoice in the Hope of your Eternal Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen

Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service

<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>.

The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.

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Chapel of Ease:

St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.



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Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did You Know?

Easter is regarded as a movable feast, because it is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. The colour used for this season is white or gold, symbolizing purity and new life. The Easter season begins with the Great vigil of Easter on Easter Eve, followed by Easter Day (otherwise known as Resurrection Sunday). The season of Easter is celebrated for fifty days, called The Great Fifty Days, until the Feast of Pentecost. On the fortieth day of Easter, we celebrate Ascension Day, the day that the resurrected Christ ascended into heaven. (Anne E. Kitch, *An Activity Book for Anglican Kids*, 2006)

Quote for Reflection

"The Gospel of Easter is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his Resurrection. This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth." (Pope Francis, *Easter Vigil Homily*, 2014)

Question for Reflection

- How can we proclaim the risen Christ in our culture today?

St. Andrew Settlement wishes to thank all those who supported their bun sale.

Women's Auxiliary - Their "Fish Fry" will be April 17th, in aid of the Diocesan Pastoral Aid Fund.

Post Communion Affirmation

The Risen Jesus Christ abides with us to grow in the faith
 Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself known to me;
 Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself known through me;
 Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, speak through me to others.
 Lord renew the Church beginning with me.

Readings for April 19, 2026: Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41;
 Psalm 116:1 - 3, 10 -17, 1 Peter 1:17 - 23, Luke 24: 13 - 35.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week: Rev. Louis Hurst; Anne Spence-Morris, Shera Grant-Clarke, Andrea Michaels and Loicrine Jones, Rev. Milverton Munroe, Hu-Sarnia Hurge, Patricia Cunningham, Owen Streete, Rev. Jacqueline Bramwell, Solentiene Morrison, Thelma Senior, Canon Siranno Kitson, Rev. Eric Charles Manderson, Daci-Ann Brown, Valrie Gordon, Jermaine Gordon, Sherika Blake-Findley and Shanakay Smith.

Condolence is extended to the families of Ralph Hall and Velma Purchase.

The Funeral Service for Rema Watt will be on Tuesday 14th, at 1:00pm, for Xesus Teape Johnston on Friday 17th at 11 a.m. Also Herbert Grant will be at St Jude's Church on April 16, 2026 at 2:30 pm.

Congratulations to The Very Rev. Canon Colin Reid, who has been elected as Suffragan Bishop Elect for Montego Bay.

Deanery Day is on April 26, 2026 at St. Luke's at 10:00am. Members attending should use their envelopes.

We welcome members of St Luke's Cure who are participating in the pulpit exchange today.

We welcome items that are non-perishable for the Tuesday Charity Ministry.

We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK April 12 - 18

April 14	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
April 15	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
April 17	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Alvin Stone	(Priest)	Ellonia Gordon	Monica Cameron
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Clover Chung	Doris Levien
Vivette Jennings	(Priest)	Avril Robertson	Gwen Donaldson
Horace Creary		Ermine Williams	Myrtle White

Liturgy for the Sundays of Easter 12/04/2026

Easter Greeting

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come, let us adore Him, Alleluia!

Celebrant: +Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

People: He has given us new life and hope! He has raised Jesus from the dead!

Celebrant: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

Celebrant Behold a new creation. The stone is rolled away. Alleluia

People: Salvation belongs to the Lord our God. Amen. Alleluia

Celebrant: Alleluia! The Lord has rescued and saved his people:

People: Who for our sake is risen for our redemption. Alleluia

The Collect For Purity

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.*

Canticle : God's Paschal Lamb (Pascha Nostrum)

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Collect for the day & The Ministry of the word

Message for Meditation and Reflection

In the reading from Acts, the writer draws on Peter's sermon to those who were witnessing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Peter wanted those who had doubt in their hearts to know that Jesus was the true Messiah which His resurrection confirms. Peter tells them the resurrection is also true for it had been spoken of long ago in Old Testament writings. In the first Peter letter, the writer encourages believers in Christ to hold firm to the faith in which they believe. Though they are being persecuted now, it will only show they are genuine followers of Christ and those who hold firm will in the end gain the victory. As a result of Christ been raised from the dead, they have become inheritors of the living hope of an eternal life with God.

In the gospel reading, Jesus' disciples are by themselves, this following his crucifixion and messages that he had been raised from the dead. As they were conversing with each other Jesus entered their space proclaiming peace over them. Jesus' word of peace was to comfort their troubled hearts. As He breathed upon them and charged them to go into the world to bear witness to his resurrection, he assured them of His peace. God's peace would be with them as they continue in faithful witness to the good news of Jesus.

One of the things that John emphasizes in this narration regarding the resurrection is the peace that accompanies it. To believe in the resurrection is to receive the peace of God. The disciples are by themselves, given all of what took place after the death of Jesus. Jesus enters the room and declares His peace over them. The disciples were filled with great joy as Jesus made Himself known to them. Jesus declares the peace of God over them a second time as he is about to commission them to go forth as His disciples in the world. Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus had appeared to them, thus refusing to believe their testimony unless he was able to see Jesus for himself. A week later Jesus appeared to them, this time in the company of Thomas and offered the disciples His peace once more. Jesus gave Thomas the opportunity to touch Him, but later declared that those who do not see yet believe will be blessed. Such persons express a greater level of faith in God, having heard and trusted the testimony of those who witnessed His resurrection.