



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

*"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."*

**Our Vision:** *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

**THIS SUNDAY — April 27th, 2025**

**"Faith Made Visible"**

## **Living the Witness: Faith Made Visible**



As we come to the Second Sunday of Easter, the Alleluias of resurrection still ring in our ears, but the readings this week gently shift our focus from the event of the Resurrection to its implications. The Collect sets the themes: we are to "show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith." In other words, Easter is not simply a moment to celebrate; it is a new way to live.

In Acts 5:27-32, we see the apostles standing boldly before the council, facing interrogation for proclaiming the risen Christ. Peter's response is clear and bold: "We must obey God rather than any human authority." This is not defiance for its own sake. It is the natural fruit of an Easter faith—where fear has been replaced by conviction, and silence by witness. These apostles, once locked away in fear after the crucifixion, are now standing in the full light of the Resurrection, willing to suffer for the sake of truth. Their witness is not only in words but in courage, action, and a life transformed.

That same invitation comes to us today. As Revelation 1:4-8 reminds us, we are part of a kingdom of priests, called to serve "him who loves us and freed us...by his blood." The language of priesthood implies more than mere reverence or liturgy—it suggests mediation, standing in the in-between spaces of the world, helping others encounter God through our presence, our choices, and our love. The Resurrection is not only something to believe in—it is something to live out. Psalm 150 resounds with praise, inviting everything that has breath to praise the Lord. It is as if all creation joins in testifying to the new life made possible in Christ. Praise, like witness, is not

reserved for holy places or holy moments. It fills the ordinary and the everyday. It is what happens when Easter joy spills over.

In the Gospel reading from John 20:19–31, we return to that tender moment when the risen Jesus comes to his fearful disciples. He breathes peace into their anxiety, and sends them just as the Father sent him. Even Thomas, who doubted, is drawn into this moment of grace—not chastised but invited to touch, to see, to believe. And then, as if reaching forward through time, Jesus says: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

This is us. We are the ones who have not seen, and yet believe. And now, like those first apostles, we are sent—to live visibly what we inwardly believe, to show forth in our lives the grace we have received.

So as we continue in this Easter season, let us ask ourselves: What does it look like, practically and visibly, to live as those reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body? Where is God calling us to speak when silence is comfortable, to act when fear holds others back, to praise when the world is weary?

May we be found faithful not only in what we profess on Sunday, but in what we embody on Monday and throughout the week. For Easter is not only a past event; it is a present calling. Christ is risen—and now, so must we rise, and witness with our lives.

### Readings for *the Second Sunday of Easter*

Acts 5:27-32 + Revelation 1:4-8 + John 20:19-31 + Psalm 150

## CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

**SUNDAY April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**

Ages 5 - 12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

**Christian Formation for Adults (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

### OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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