

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

A watercolor illustration depicting a sunrise over a field. The sky is painted with soft washes of blue, pink, and red, transitioning into a bright yellow sun. The foreground shows a green field with vertical brushstrokes representing grass. On the right side, there is a dark, rounded shape representing a tombstone or a mound of earth, with a small white opening. The overall style is soft and artistic.

*Christ  
Risen*

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Saturday, 5:30pm**

**Sunday 9:00 and 11:00am**

# Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Hymnal #178

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

- 1) Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)
- 2) Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)
- 3) We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. (Refrain)
- 4) Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

## Easter Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

## 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.***

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.***

## **The First Reading – 1 John 1:1 – 2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*Response*     ***Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM: Psalm 133**

***1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* when brethren live together in unity!***

***2 It is like fine oil upon the head \* that runs down upon the beard,***

***3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \* and runs down upon the collar of his robe.***

***4 It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.***

***5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.***

## Holy Gospel – John 20:19-31

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*Response* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

## Nicene Creed

*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 and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.*

## Prayers of the People

*Presider or deacon*

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord saying: **Hear our Prayer.**

*Presider*

God, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# Holy Communion

## Offertory Hymn

*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

1 - All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Refrain: Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 - All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
(Refrain)

3 - All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. (Refrain)

Farjeon; *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People* ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***  
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .  
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

*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.**

*Celebrant*    We give thanks to you, O God . . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**  
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .  
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor  
and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

*Amen.*

## Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

## Postcommunion Prayer

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## Easter Blessing

## Closing Hymn

*He is Risen, He is Risen*

Hymnal #180

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

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