

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 11:00am**

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# Welcome GUESTS & VISITORS!

*We are glad you are here. If you are new to St. Thomas, stop by the Welcome table in the lobby and identify yourself to our clergy and people so we may properly welcome you. You may also fill out an "I'm New" card located on the backs of the chairs in the church. If you need assistance with the order of service, feel free to ask the person next to you.*

*Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter to obtain a hearing device.*

*To request prayers, please fill out the "Pray" card located on the backs of the chairs. We invite you to list your specific concerns and leave them in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or hand to one of the clergy. Prayers of the People are written weekly. They are offered for three weeks, but any request may be resubmitted as needed.*

*Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 8:15am - 12:15 (or conclusion of the 11am service).*

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord*

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -

2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 a - - - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend - - - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - - from his  
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

## 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.**

## Gloria

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Children pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will  
 process to Children's Church.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

Response     ***Thanks be to God.***

### The Psalm: Psalm 23

***<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.***

***<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.***

***<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.***

***<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***

***<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.***

***<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

## The Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

Response     **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

*Refrain:*

James Chepponis



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Commissioned for the Mass celebrated by His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri, January, 1999*

## **Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18**

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Alleluia response**

## **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**

*All remain standing.*

Presider or deacon . . . we pray to Lord.

*Response*     **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

*The children will return from Children's Church.*

## **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

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## Offertory Music

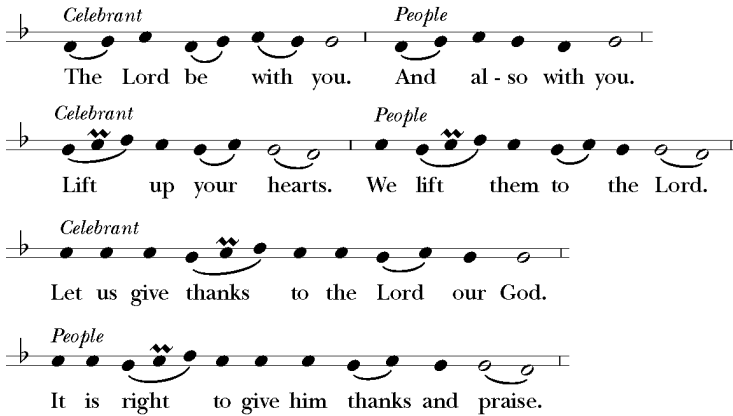
*This is the Day*  
Chancel Choir

## Offertory

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*



The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Celebrant*                          *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                          *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

## OFFERING

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Celebrant** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

## **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.***

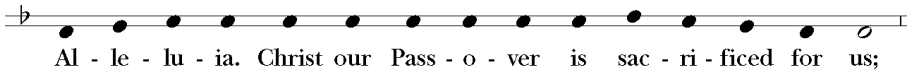
***And lead us not into temptation,***

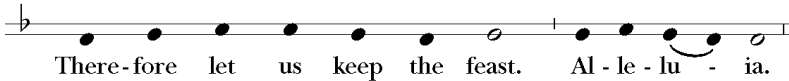
*but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom  
 and the power,  
 and the glory, for ever and ever.  
 Amen.*

## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

Celebrant 

People 

*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

Celebrant      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

If you have a wheat allergy, please tell one of the clergy administering communion and we will see that you receive a rice wafer instead.

Communion Music

Holy Father, Great Creator

*Descant*

4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na-tion let thy won-drous

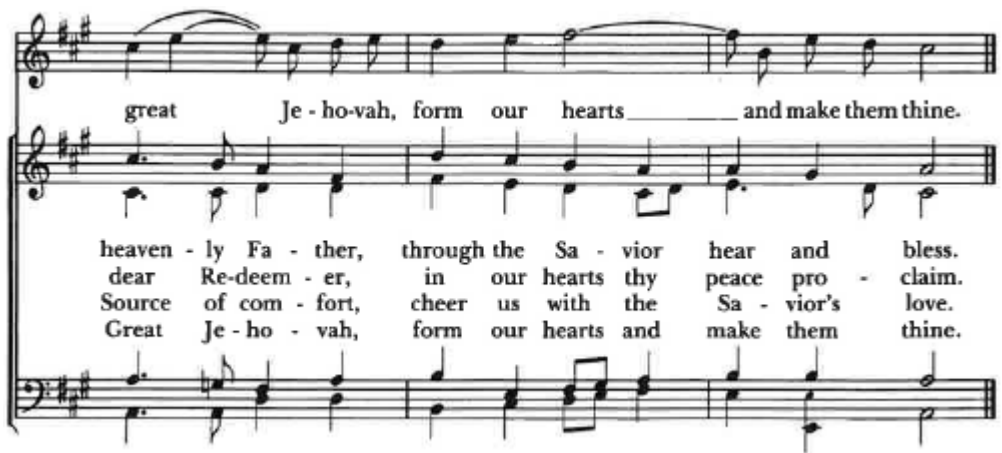
1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,  
 2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic  
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion  
 4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won-drous

mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,  
 hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,  
 from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire, —  
 mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,  
 meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,  
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,  
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,



great Je-ho-vah, form our hearts and make them thine.  
 heaven-ly Fa-ther, through the Sa-rior hear and bless.  
 dear Re-deem-er, in our hearts thy peace pro-claim.  
 Source of com-fort, cheer us with the Sa-rior's love.  
 Great Je-ho-vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

## Sending Forth

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to take the sacrament to those hospitalized, ill at home or home-bound, the following is said:*

*Celebrant*

In the name of this congregation, go forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Congregation*

***We who are many are one body,  
 because we all share one bread; one cup. Amen.***

## 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

### *Joyful, Joyful*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.



## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude





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