

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, April 14, 2024 8:45am

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).

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Music

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Chorus:

***'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)***

Chorus:

***Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus***

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Hosanna hosanna

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

Matt Baumler

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G C G C G C G D G
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to peo - ple on earth.

5 G C G C G C G D G
Lord our God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther. We

9 C G D G C G D G D
wor - ship you we - give you thanks we praise you for - your glo - ry Lord Je - sus

14 C G D G B \flat C Dm E \flat B \flat /F C/G $_3$ D
Christ You are the Lamb. You take a - way the sins, have mer - cy on us.

21 G C G C G C G D G G C G C
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to peo - ple on earth. Lord our God, hea -

26 G C G D G
- ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *Psalm 4*

¹*Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

²*“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”*

³*Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.*

⁴*Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.*

⁵*Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
and put your trust in the LORD.*

⁶*Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.*

⁷*You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.*

⁸*I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

The Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-7*

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Alleluia

Text: *Celtic Alleluia*; Christopher Walker
Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the Alleluia. Each system consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 6/8. The first system has the following lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". Above the vocal line, the chords are marked as A, E, D, E, A, D, E. The second system has the following lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". Above the vocal line, the chords are marked as A, E, Bm, E, A, D, E, A. The guitar accompaniment includes various rhythmic patterns and chord changes, with some measures marked with a 9/8 time signature.

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

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

^{36b}Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

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

Offertory Music

You Make Me Brave

Amanda Cook

I stand before You now
The greatness of Your renown
I have heard of the majesty and wonder of You
King of Heaven in humility I bow

Chorus:

***As (to) Your love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in (to Your love)***

I have heard You calling my name
I have heard the song of love that You sing
So I will let You draw me out beyond the shore
Into Your grace

You make me brave. You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave. You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the Love that made a way

You make me brave. You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave. You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the promises You've made

Chorus:

***Because of love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven You made a way***

Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in

Offertory

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

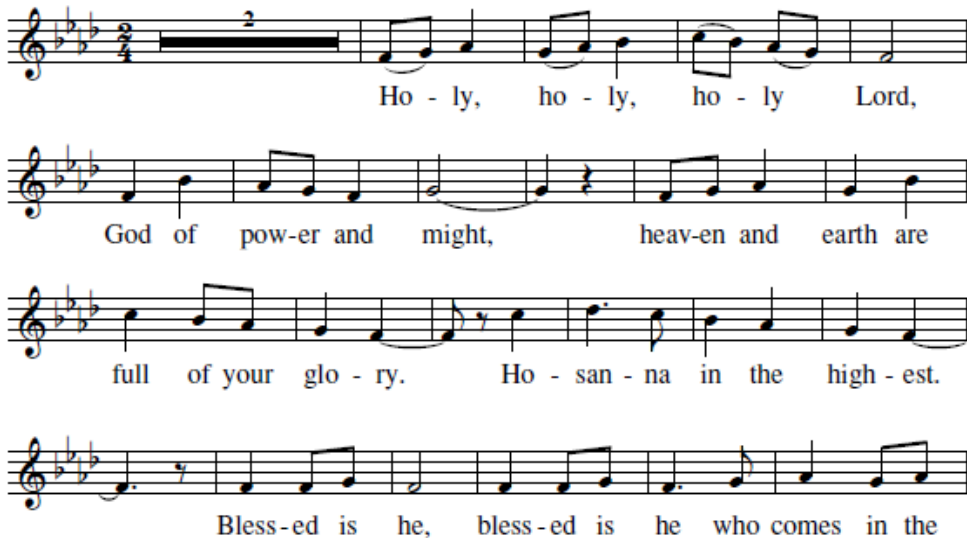
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

OFFERING

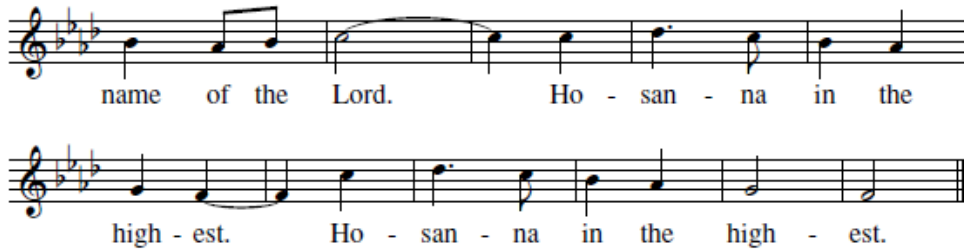
Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Sanctus

Marty Haugen



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the



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 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.

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

God of Wonders

Byrd and Hindalong

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus 1:

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth***

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
You are holy

Chorus:

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me,
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy holy holy holy***

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me,
Father hold me hold me***

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) (4 times)

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 Music

This is Amazing Grace

Riddle, Farro, Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder.
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus:

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace,

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place.

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy worthy worthy

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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