

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter

Baptism and Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, April 7, 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 Hymn

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen

Chorus:

Come now is the time to worship.

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship.

Come just as you are before your God

Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.

Willingly our knees will bow

With all our heart soul mind and strength

we gladly choose You now

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

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 \flat 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.

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.**

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

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Acts 4:32-35*

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm: *Psalms 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.

The Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹We 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—²this 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—³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}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; ²and 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.**

Alleluia

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

The musical score for Alleluia is presented in two systems. The first system, labeled 'Descant:', features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. Above the staff, the chord progression is indicated as A, E, D, E, A, D, E. The second system, labeled 'Melody:', also uses a treble clef, two sharps, and 6/8 time. The melody continues with the same lyrics. Above the staff, the chord progression is A, E, Bm, E, A, D, E, A. The time signature changes to 9/8 for the Bm and E chords, and returns to 6/8 for the final A chord.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

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

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.***

Alleluia response

The Sermon

Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents I present [N.] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.
Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support
[*these persons*] in [*their*] life in Christ?
People **We will.**
Celebrant Let us join with [*those*] who [*are*] committing [*themselves*] to Christ
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***
Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***
Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for [*these persons*] who [*are*] to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver [*them*], O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open [*their*] hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill [*them*] with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep [*them*] in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach [*them*] to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Send [*them*] into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Bring [*them*] to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***

There is one Lord one faith, one bap - ti - sm;
 there is one God who is Fa - ther of all.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Baptism and Chrismation

Celebrant [N.] I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[N.] you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised [them] to the new life of grace. Sustain [them], O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give [them] an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

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 Hymn

Even So Come

All of creation, All of the earth,
make straight a highway,
a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
let every nation shout of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.

Refrain:

***Like a bride waiting for her groom
we'll be a church ready for You.
Every heart longing for our King
we sing even so come,
Lord Jesus come.
Even so come,
Lord Jesus come.***

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true,
Jesus is coming soon. (Refrain)

So we wait, we wait for You.
God we wait, You're coming soon. (2X)

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
we'll be a church ready for You.
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
(we'll be) ready for You.
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come. (3X)

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:

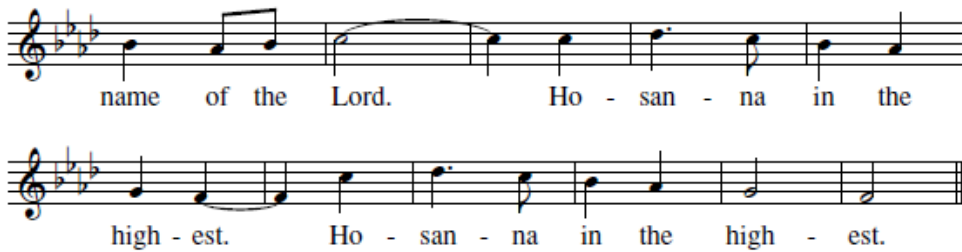
OFFERING

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

Peace

Ed Cash

When my mind is like a battlefield
And my heart is overcome by fear
And hope seems like a ship that's lost at sea

My enemies on every side
And I'm tempted to run and hide
Your gentle whisper reaches out to me

Chorus:

(You give me) Peace

(That) Holds me when I'm broken

Sweet peace

That passes understanding

When the whole wide world is crashing down

I fall to my knees

And breathe in (Your peace)

Fiery arrows whistling
The terror of the night sets in
But I can feel Your angels all around

I am resting underneath
The shelter of Your mighty wings
Your promises are where my hope is found

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I remember who You are
You're the God who's never far
So I will not be afraid
God You always keep me safe in Your arms

I remember who You are
You're the God who's never ever far away
So I will not be afraid
God You always You always keep me safe

I breathe You I breathe You in
Take a deep breath and be still
And know that You are God alone

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

Because He Lives

I believe in the Son.
I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome.
By the power of His blood.

Chorus:

Amen amen.
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives.
Amen amen.
Let my song join the one that never ends.
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name.
He rolled the stone away.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life.
My future in His hand.

Because He lives.

Tomlin/Carson/Cash/Gaither/Ingram/Maher

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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