

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024      8:45am**

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

## 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

Gloria

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 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will  
process to Children's Church.*

## The Lessons

### **The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Psalm: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>***Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.***

<sup>2</sup>***With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.***

<sup>3</sup>***The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.***

<sup>4</sup>***He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

- <sup>5</sup>*Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*
- <sup>6</sup>*Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.*
- <sup>7</sup>*With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.*
- <sup>8</sup>*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.*
- <sup>9</sup>*Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.*
- <sup>10</sup>*In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.*

**The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

The musical score for Alleluia consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, with the first staff labeled 'Descant:' and the second 'Melody:'. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the vocal staves. The third and fourth staves are for guitar accompaniment, with chord symbols A, E, Bm, E, A, D, E, A written above the notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are also written below the guitar staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8.

## **Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17**

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my command-ment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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.*

Deacon or other leader . . . Lord, in your mercy.

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

*Beautiful City* from *Godspell*  
Joshua McCall, soloist

Schwartz/Tebelak

## 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.***

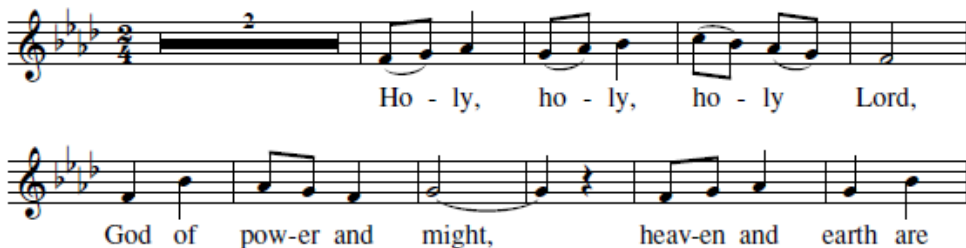
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

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

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

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 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

### *The Summons*

Graham Maule, John Bell

Will you come and follow Me  
If I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same  
Will you let My love be shown  
Will you let My name be known  
Will you let My life be grown  
In you and you in Me

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let Me answer prayer  
In you and you in Me

Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in Me

Will you love the you you hide  
If I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through My sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in Me

Lord Your summons echoes true  
When You but call my name  
Let me turn and follow You  
And never be the same  
In Your company I'll go  
Where Your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In You and You in me

*O Come to the Altar*

Brown/Brock/Joye/Furtick

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin - Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well - Jesus is calling

Chorus:

***O come to the altar***  
***The Father's arms are open wide***  
***Forgiveness was bought with***  
***The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

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Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait - Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born - Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

## **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 Song

## *Well Done*

The Afters

What will it be like when my pain is gone  
And all the worries of this world just fade away?  
What will it be like when You call my name  
And that moment when I see You face to face?  
I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say

Chorus:

***Well done, well done***  
***My good and faithful one***  
***Welcome to the place where you belong***  
***Well done, well done***  
***My beloved child***  
***You have run the race and now you're home***  
***Welcome to the place where you belong***

What will it be like when tears are washed away  
And every broken thing will finally be made whole?  
What will it be like when I come into Your glory  
Standing in the presence of a love so beautiful?  
I'm waiting my whole life for that day  
I will live my life to hear You say

Chorus:

***Well done, well done***  
***My good and faithful one***  
***Welcome to the place where you belong***  
***Well done, well done***  
***My beloved child***  
***You have run the race and now you're home***  
***Welcome to the place where you belong***

What will it be like when I hear that sound?  
All of heaven's angels crying out  
Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord  
Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord  
Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord

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Waiting my whole life for that day  
Until then, I'll live to hear You say

Chorus:

***Well done, well done***

***My good and faithful one***

***Welcome to the place where you belong***

***Well done, well done***

***My beloved child***

***You have run the race and now you're home***

***Welcome to the place where you belong***

***Well done.***

## 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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