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**APRIL 11TH  
AT 9AM  
LIVE ON YOUTUBE**



**2ND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

# God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in -person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

## Our weekly services:

**Sunday 9am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)**

**Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom**

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth CREW, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: [www.stthomasparish.org](http://www.stthomasparish.org).

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

Prelude

Procession

The Strife is O'er

Hymnal #208

*Antiphon (at the beginning and after final verse)*

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

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5. Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1. ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2. le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 4. heav'ns high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5. sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1. has be - gun. Al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 2. joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 4. tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 5. sing - - to thee. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

## The Gloria

### Gloria in Excelsis

John Rutter

*(intro)*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, \_\_\_ and peace to his  
 peo-ple on earth. \_\_\_ Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther,  
 \_\_\_ we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for \_\_\_ your glo-ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, \_\_\_ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, \_\_\_  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ have mer - cy on us; \_\_\_ you are seat - ed at the  
 \_\_\_ right hand of the Fa - ther: \_\_\_ re - ceive our prayer. \_\_\_ For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, \_\_\_ you a - lone are the  
 Lord, \_\_\_ 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. \_\_\_

## The 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.*

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Now 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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 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.

## Epistle Lesson

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.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Fanfare

*All stand*

**The Gospel**

John 20:19-31

*Deacon*      The Lord be with you.

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

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

**People**      **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.

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr Sasser

The 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

With joy and gladness, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world, that it may be a sign of new life to the weary and the lost, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For all the leaders of the Church, that they may lead us in paths of peace and renewal, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For the nations of the world and those who lead them, that they may strive for justice and a new birth of freedom, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For the peace of the world, that those who use violence and those who condone it may have a change of heart, mind, and soul, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For all whose labor eases our lives, especially those who work in health care, long-term care, and hospice, that they may know themselves to be the hands of God, and may see God's holy angels at work among them, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For the sick, the disabled, and all who suffer, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may see new growth from branches long barren, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, and for St Mark's Church, Millsboro, that they may know and share the joy of the empty cross and empty tomb, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

For all who serve in the armed forces and all who go in harm's way to protect others, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**



For those who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may have light and peace, and rest with all the saints, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.**

With saint and angels, we proclaim:

*[All say together]*

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death with death, and bringing life to those who dwell in tombs. Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Peace**

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

**People** And also with you.

## Offertory Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised

Hymnal 296

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spir - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

1, 2, 3. Al - le - lu - ia! 4. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## Presentation of the Offerings

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

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

S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
 san-na in the high-est. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Richard Proulx

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and

bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**All** 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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

***O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.***

### The Communion

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** 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.

## Announcements

### Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

### The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## At the Procession

That Easter Day

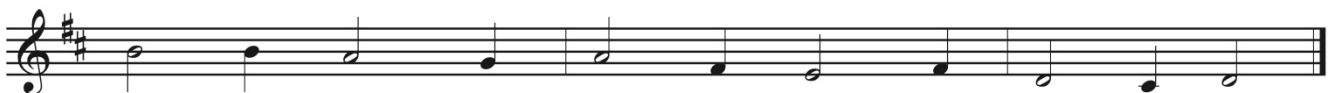
Hymnal 193



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2. His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4. O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5. All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1. sun shone out\_\_\_ with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2. wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3. thou thy - self\_\_\_ our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4. this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5. thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1. eyes re - stored, the'a pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2. wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3. all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4. death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5. e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Postlude**

*The leaflet picture this morning is of St Thomas  
encountering the risen Christ from a carving  
in the Spanish monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos.*

## Parish Prayer List

Alan L	Delores	Luke	Reid
Alma	Doug H	Lynn Dunham	Rick R
Amanda	Elmer	Margurite	Roman
Andre	Erin L & babies	Maria	Roxanna
Archer Family	Fred & Lori	Marian & Family	Ruth
Arline	Freda Reynolds	Marie	Samuel
Alana Davies	Giorgio & Family	Mary & Family	Sandy
Ayla H	Greg	Michael	Sandy Sorenson
Beverly and Larry	Hailu He	Mike & Angie	Shirley
Becky	HarrisonFamily	Mike Reynolds	Sondra & Jeff
Beryl	Ina	Morgan & Family	Sophia & Family
Bill & Sandy	Jane & Family	Nan	SouthFamily
Bob T	Jean & Richard	Nancy & Family	Susan & James
Bosco Family	Pawl	Nate	& baby
Brian Smith	Geoff Coons	Nathalie & Maya	Stacy L
Cathy	Jenna Puleo	Nelson	Stanley
Carol	Jim	Nicholas & Family	Steven
Carol Mullinix	Johanna and Philip	Nicole	Stover
Carolyn Bowman	Josh Moyer	Nikki & Family	Sue James
Charles Baxter	Jude	Noah	Terrie W
Chaun	Jule & Family	Noah P	Thadine
Chris & Ginger	June	Norman H	Tom
Christine & Erich	Kelly & family	Olivia	Thomas
Christine & Francis	Ken & Family	Pat & Dan	Tim & Family
Christopher Corbin	Kevin	Pat & Emmett	Vicki
Cindy	Kizis family	Peter & Mike	Vivian
Colin	LaneFamily	Phil & Jen	Wanda
Dale & Family	Larry	Phil & Terri	Wayne
Darnell	Laurie J	Phyllis	WeaverFamily
Darrell	Linda Alexis	Rashida	William McClements
Dawn & DW	Lisa	Ray Cook	WilsonFamily
Deacon Cecily	Liz & Family	Reginald	

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
Annie	Joe	Matthew
Ben	Josh	Nate
Bob	Kagen	Nicholas
Bradley	Kate	Stuart
Brett	Kathy	Tina
Brian	Kevin	Tyler
Christie	Luke	Victoria

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3/31/2021



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