



Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!



Easter Flower Dedications

In loving memory of

May Redder

From Jinglan, Mona, Andy and Dennis

With thanksgiving for our children From Joy and Alan Lynam

In loving memory of Marvin and Isabel Snedeker and Stanley and Vivian Kinney From DJ Ferguson

In loving memory of
Sandy Graham
and with thanksgiving for
Sandy, Heather, and Kate
From Barbara Graham

With thanksgiving
From Jack and Marge O'Donnell

In loving memory of
Nicholas Witmer
and with thanksgiving for
Finley Prime
and Meagan and Angie Prime
From Marilyn Prime and Roy Witmer

In loving memory of
Mr and Mrs Charles H Baxter
and Mr and Mrs Michael Petroski, Sr
and Michael Jr and Joseph
From Charles and Diane Baxter

With thanksgiving for
Family and Friends
From Madeline and Greg Johnson

In loving memory of
The Grier and Hammond family loved ones
From Jo-Ann and George Grier

In loving memory of
Anna Mae Burnett, Catherine Burnett
and Sarah Burnett
and with thanksgiving for
David Palermo, Michelle Hodgetts
and Michael Palermo
From Carol Palermo

In loving memory of
Margaret and Winthrop Reed
and Tippy and Caleb Holyoke
From Caleb and Martha Holyoke

In loving memory of Carol Sausville From Justin Sausville

With thanksgiving for
Family birthdays (so far this year)
Greg (son) 1/11, Beryl King (mom) 1/12
John Paul (grandson) 1/27, Xavier (grandson) 2/1
Beverly King (sister) 2/15, Anya (granddaughter) 2/24
From Helen Spence

In loving memory of
Raymond Wallace and Helen Boddington Gast
and Wilmer E. and Pauline Sharp
and Garlin S. Smith, Jr.
From Richard and Sheila Sharpe



Introit

Celebrant

Let us go forth in peace.

People

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Procession



THE WORD OF GOD

Asperging of the People

I saw water flowing from the temple, from its right side.

Alleluia, alleluia.

And all people to whom this water came were saved,

And they shall say Alleluia, alleluia.

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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



- 1 Give thanks to Lord, for / he is good; * his mercy / en-dures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel / now pro-claim: *
 "His mercy / en-dures for ever." > Refrain
- 14 The Lord is my strength / and my song * and he has be-/ come my sal-vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exulta-/ tion **and** victory * in the / tents **of** the righteous:
- B 16 "The right hand of the / Lord has triumphed; *
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
 the right hand of / the Lord has triumphed!" > Refrain
- 17 I shall not / die **but** live * and declare the / works **of** the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has pun-/ished **me** sorely, * but he did not hand me / o-**ver** to death.
- 19 Open for me the / gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer / thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate / of **the** Lord; * he who is / right-**eous** may enter." > Refrain
- 21 I will give thanks to you, / for **you** answered me * and have be-/ come **my** sal-vation.
- 22 The same stone which the build-/ ers re-jected * has be-/ come the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is / the **Lord's** doing, * and it is marve-/ lous **in** our eyes.
- 24 On this day the / Lord has acted; *
 we will re-/ joice and be glad in it. > Refrain

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual anthem

Christ the Lord is Ris'n Again!

-- R. Shephard

Christ the Lord is ris'n again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain! Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed; take our sings and guilt away, let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

seated at the preacher's invitation

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.

In response to each petition, the people sing:



For the Church throughout the world, that it may boldly and faithfully proclaim the resurrection of Christ to those who do not yet believe, we pray to the Lord...

For bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the leaders of the Church, that they may show forth in their lives the joy and power of new life which we celebrate in our liturgy today, we pray to the Lord...

For the leaders of all nations, that they may act with wisdom and mercy, respecting all persons and working for the common good, we pray to the Lord...

For the peace of the world, that we may have grace and power to overcome violence against all, especially the poor and the weak, we pray to the Lord...

For the newly baptized and confirmed, that they may continue to grow with their communities in worship and service, let us pray to the Lord...

For the sick, the disabled, and all who suffer, especially those we name aloud or in our hearts, that the healing of the Easter light will shine in their hearts and bring them renewed life, let us pray to the Lord...

For those who have died, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts, that they may share in the promise of new love won for us by the resurrection, we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the power and the glory, and to you we give praise, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf

OFFERTORY

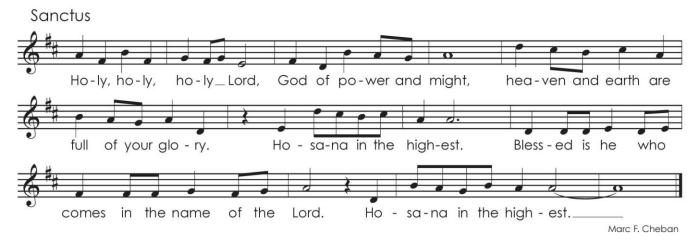


Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. People

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:



The people stand or kneel.

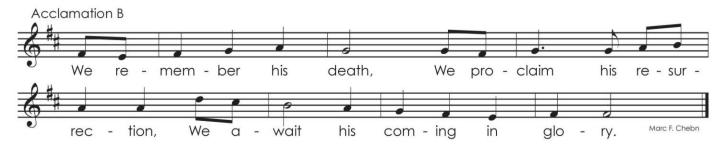
The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him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



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, Blessed Nicholas 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,

ΑII

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.

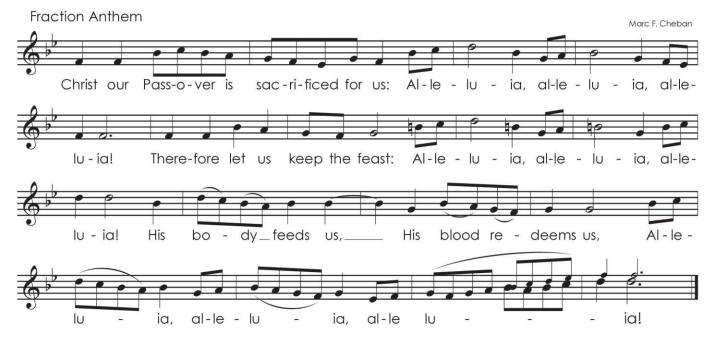
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn

Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)

Congregation and Choir

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and make us his children through the resurrection of this Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Processing into the community



DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata (Symphony 5)- Ch.M. Widor

Parish Prayer List

Archer family Austin M & Krissy V Barry G

Bernice R Betty H

Blackman family

Bob M Bob P Bob S Bob T

Brendan S Brighton P Carew family

Carol G Carol M Carolyn V Cecily SH Charles B

Charlie M & Ellen S

Chaun Chris E Chris G

Christine & Erich Christine A & Francis M

Christine D
Connie L

Court W D Green Daphne D Denise B Dennis R Devon MD

Eley family Elmer T Flora R Francis family

Fred & Lori Geoff C

Giorgio & family Harrison family Jean & Richard P

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Kathryn D Kelly K Lane family

Larry Liz R Lynn D Marge C Maria P

Marian S & family Marianne A Michael C

Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Noah P Pam D

Pat & Emmett J

Rick R
Ricky G
Shannan D
Sharon O
Sophie A
South family
Stephen M
Stover B
Susan & family

Tom H Tom P

Vicki G

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

Adam Charlie K Kate **Nicholas** Annie R Christie J Kathy Stacy Kevin Stuart Ben James Luke Tina Bob **Jeremy** Bradley Joe Marvin Tyler Matthew Victoria Brett Josh Nate Brian Kagen

To update or add to our parish prayer list,
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.

Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.

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Mark your Calendar:

- 4/16 Annual Meeting after the 10:30am service, mark your calendar now, let's fill the Great Hall with fellowship and faith family!!
 - please let the office know if you need an absentee ballot for the vestry election, and arrangements will be made
- 4/23 Confirmation Sunday with a visit from Bishop Brown
- 5/6 Train trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

Growth and Fellowship:

- Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
- Sundays at 10:15 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 2nd Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Tuesdays at 10:00 am 2 Saints Readers via Zoom
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:

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