



# **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 9th

**10:30 am**

**RITE II**



# God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



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 worshipping 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 clergy person or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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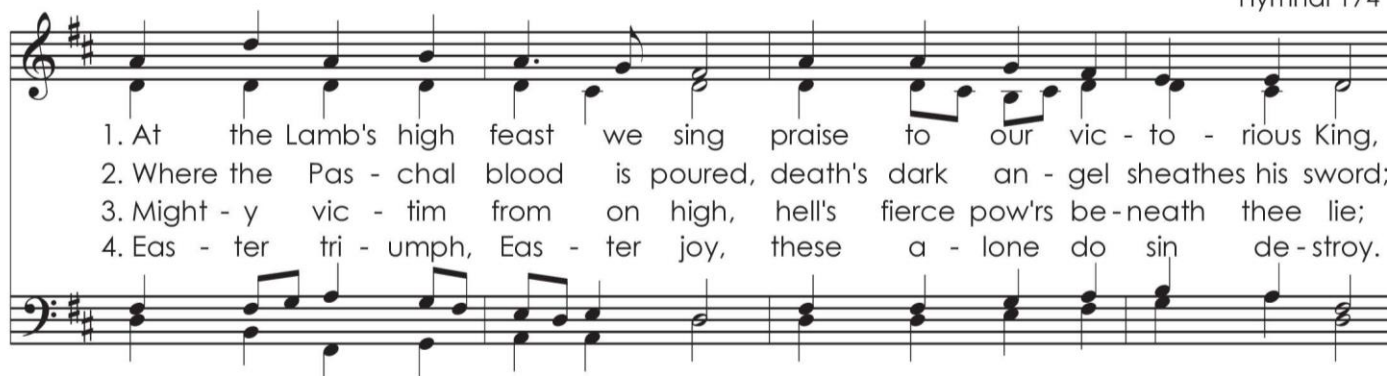
## Prelude

## Procession

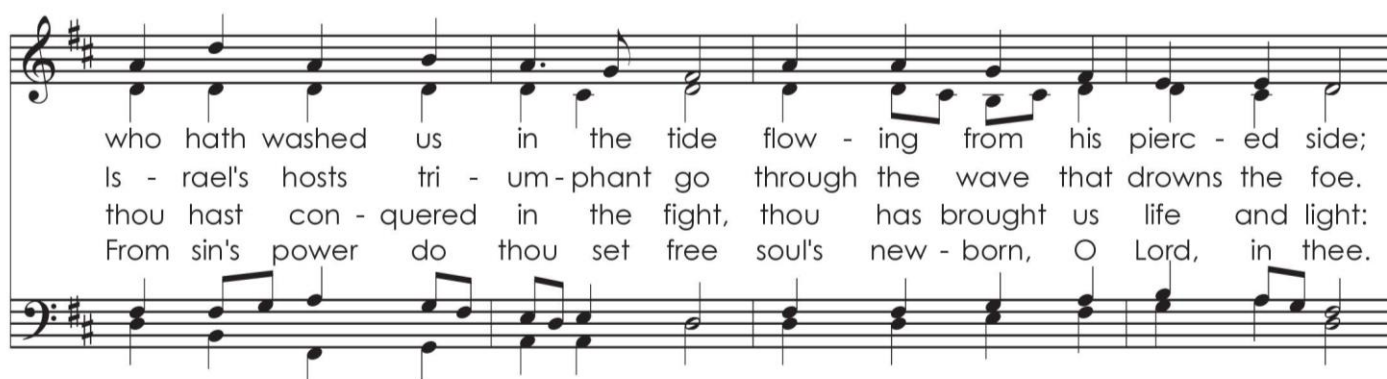
standing

### At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

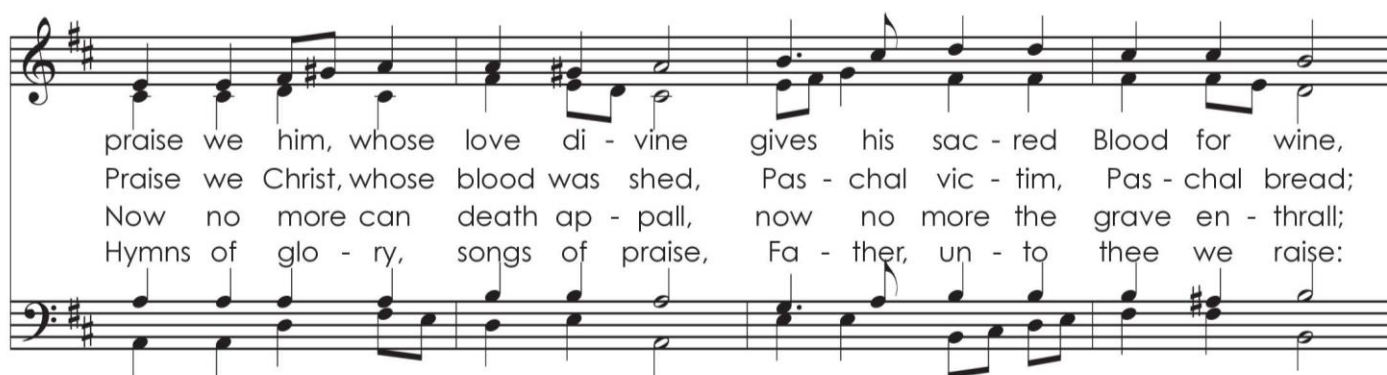
Hymnal 174



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath thee lie;  
4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou has brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free soul's new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sac - red Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
Now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou has o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ey - er be.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant*  
**People**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Gloria

Glory to God

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

Lord God, hea-ven - ly king, al - might - y 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 u - pon 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.

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## Collect

*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.*

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,22-32

*seated*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

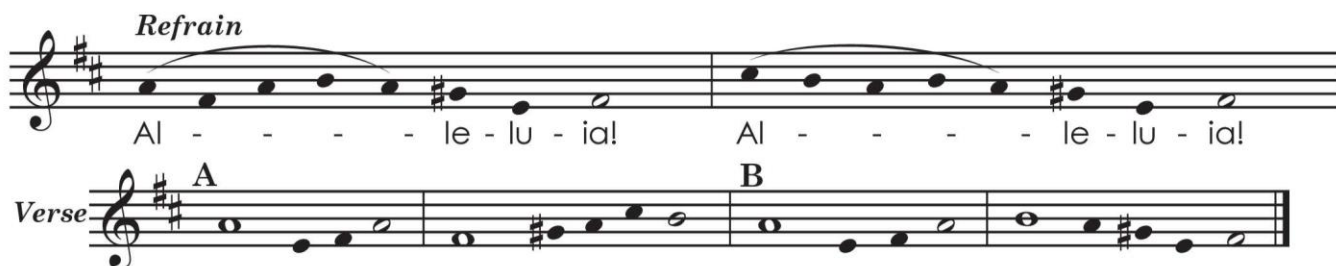
*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

**People**    **Thanks be to God.**



**Psalms 16**

*Conserva me, Domine*



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take re-/ fuge **in** you; \*  
I have said to the Holy One, "You are my Lord,  
my good / **a-bove** all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are / **in the** land, \*  
upon those who are noble / **a-mong** the people.
- 3 But those who run after / **o-ther** gods \*  
shall have their trou-/ bles **mul-ti**-plied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I / **will not** offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods / **u-pon** my lips. **Refrain**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion / **and my** cup; \*  
it is you who / **up-holds** my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a / **plea-sant** land; \*  
indeed, I have / **a good-ly** heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who / **gives me** counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me / **night af-ter** night.
- 8 I have set the Lord al-/ ways **be-fore** me; \*  
because he is at my right hand / **I shall not** fall. **Refrain**
- 9 My heart therefore is glad, and my spi-/ rit **re-**joices; \*  
my body also / **shall rest** in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me / **to the** grave, \*  
nor let your holy / **one see** the Pit.
- B** 11 You will show me the / **path of** life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures / **for e-ver-**more. **Refrain**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

John 20:19-31

*standing*

*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

*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.**



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 St Mark's Church, Millsboro, and for The Anglican Church of Tanzania, 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:

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

## OFFERTORY

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 through 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 Hymn

#### We Walk By Faith

Hymnal 209

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and  
4. that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

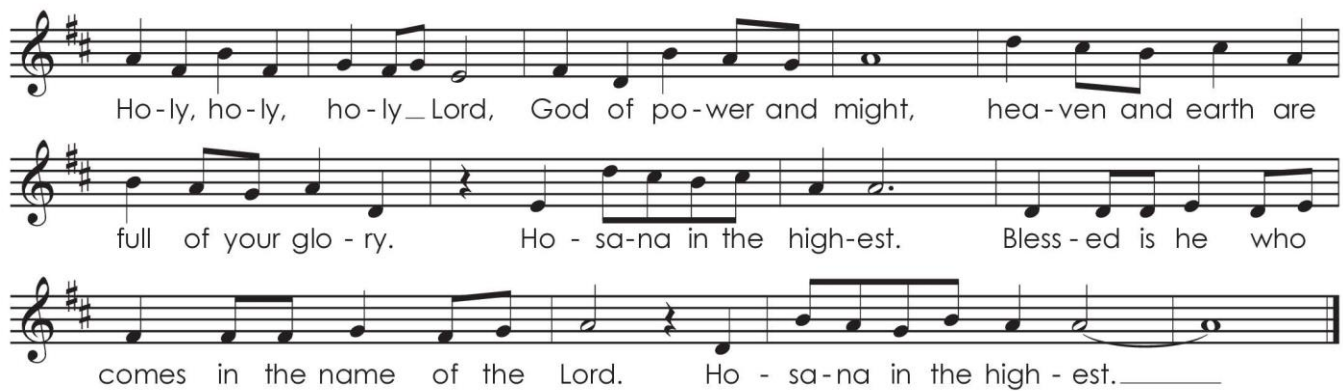


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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



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*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.

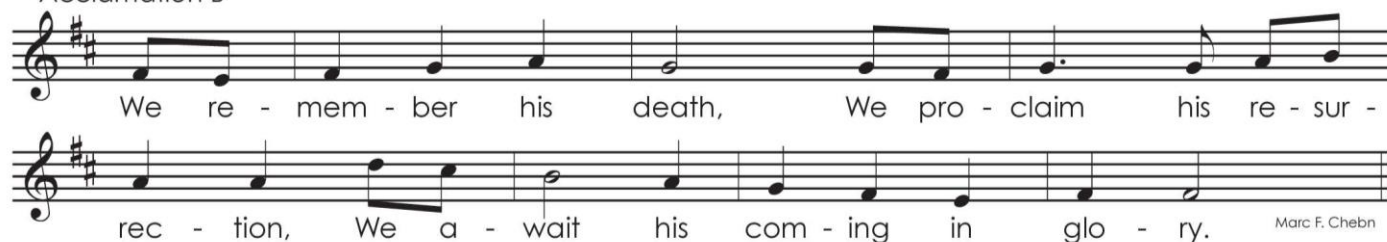
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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*

Acclamation B



*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

Fraction Anthem

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Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!  
There-fore let us keep the feast: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!  
His bo - dy feeds us, His blood re - deems us, Al-le-lu - ia,  
al-le - lu - ia, al-le lu - - ia!

**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.

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

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

## THE COMMUNION

-silent prayer-



## 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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## At the Procession

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Hymnal 205

1. Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4. Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first three stanzas having four parts each, and the fourth stanza having three parts. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude





The altar flowers this week  
were given by  
Carol Palermo  
in memory of  
Anna Mae Burnett

## Parish Prayer List

Archer family	Court W	Lorraine CS
Austin M & Krissy V	D Green	Lynn D
Barry G	Daphne D	Marge C
Bernice R	Denise B	Maria P
Betty H	Dennis R	Marian S & family
Blackman family	Devon MD	Marianne A
Bob M	Eley family	Michael C
Bob P	Elmer T	Morgen and family
Bob S	Flora R	Mullens family
Bob T	Francis family	Nancy G
Brendan S	Fred & Lori	Noah P
Brighton P	Geoff C	Pam D
Carew family	Giorgio & family	Pat & Emmett J
Carol G	Harrison family	Rick R
Carol M	Jean & Richard P	Ricky G
Carolyn V	Jeanne M	Shannan D
Cecily SH	Jim T	Sharon O
Charles B	John D	Sophie A
Charlie M & Ellen S	Jonny K	South family
Chaun	Judy B	Stephen M
Chris E	June G	Stover B
Chris G	Kathryn D	Susan & family
Christine & Erich	Kelly K	Tom H
Christine A & Francis M	Lane family	Tom P
Christine D	Larry	Vicki G
Connie L	Liz R	

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

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

*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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Madeline Johnson  
Kristin Sausville

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