

*Welcome to*

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**EASTER DAY**

*April 4, 2021*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*Opening Voluntary: Musique Royale, Michel Richard Delelande*

*Hymn 207: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*The service begins with the musical prelude. Then the Celebrant says*

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

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 118:1-2,14-24*

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

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!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL HYMN 191: Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heaven-ward raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal, on his resurrection morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise:  
we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits of the holy harvest-field,  
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;  
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:  
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Savior.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*SERMON*

*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.**

*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

*After each petition the people respond*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect*

*The Celebrant introduces the Offertory. The bread and wine for communion are set upon the altar.*

**Anthem: *The Day of Resurrection*, Richard Shephard**

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*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Here the Proper Preface is said. Then all join in the Sanctus*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through the holy sacrifice of Jesus; and remembering the events of the Last Supper, prays that the gifts of bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant prays that all may benefit from Christ's holy sacrifice and be renewed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

*At the end of the prayer the people respond*

**Amen.**

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

**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*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Celebrant says the invitation to communion. The prayer for those unable to receive communion is said. The Reserve Sacrament is available in the chapel at St. Thomas for those who wish to receive communion after having participated in online worship.*

*After communion the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Vestry Liaison gives the announcements.*

*Hymn 210: The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes together lend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

*The Celebrant prays for God's blessing on the people and then dismisses them with these words*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Closing Voluntary: Marche Royale, Jean-Baptiste Lully*

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### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

#### **Easter Flower donations have been given by:**

Larry Dillon in memory of Joan Dillon.

Karen Keese in thankfulness for her family.

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Barbara Ann Petti and Harriette Magenheimer.

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Paul & Gretchen Humiston in thanksgiving for Fr. Brian, Dr. Stephen and our St. Thomas family.

The Hibbard Family in memory of Shirley Hibbard

Ross & Kathy Dingwall in joy for the engagement of our granddaughter Gabbi to Matt Bloom.

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### ***Reminders THIS WEEK:***

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 a.m. Livestream Service (no in-person attendance) 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service by the elevator entrance. All are welcome!
<b>Wednesday</b>	iBelieve Class 6:30 p.m. (Cancelled)
<b>Friday</b>	Bible Study 11:00 a.m. (Cancelled)
<b>Saturday</b>	Breakfast Program

**In-Person Worship** is now offered at 10:30 a.m. The service is held outside at the elevator entrance, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair and bundle up. Livestream services from inside the church at 9:00 a.m. will continue as usual (in-person attendance is not permitted indoors).

**Parish offices will be closed the week after Easter.**

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional health precautions are in place including a visitor log and temperature checks for all staff, volunteers, and visitors.

**Daily Prayer:** Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Services are livestreamed to St. Thomas Facebook Page, YouTube channel and website. To join as a participant use the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81777924624?pwd=cGtCNkRTcVFYbVQ2ZUF5azl6ZUVnZz09>

**Next Sunday's Lessons:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31; Psalm 133.

*Serving this Week*

Presider:	Fr. Brian Coleman
Subdeacon:	Jodi Nickerson
Organist:	Dr. Stephen White
Trumpeter:	Richard Neckermann
Lectors:	Sharon Engle
Altar Chapter:	Bob Harberts
Vestry Liaison:	Hans Prechtel
A/V Technician:	Joerg Himmelreich