

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

Our Mission:

"To grow in the knowledge and love of God through our worship of Him, our service to Him, and our study of His Word; and to bring others to know Jesus Christ as Savior within the fellowship of the Church"

Please respect the Episcopal tradition of prayerful silence before the service begins.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude	<i>O Worship the King</i>	J.M. Haydan, arr. P. Keveren
Entrance Hymn	<i>Come, ye faithful</i>	Hymn 199
Opening Acclamation		BCP p. 355
Glory to God		Hymn S 280

Collect of the Day

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.*

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 118:14-29

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!
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- 17 **I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.**
 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over 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 righteous may enter."
 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.**
 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.
 25 **Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * LORD, send us now success.**
 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.
 27 **God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**
 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."
 29 **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In the cross of Christ I glory

Hymn 441

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Bruce Heyvaert

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form III BCP p. 387

For those who are ill: Tally, Ruth, Jean and Ed, Ken, Joan, Ray, Pat, Mary Louise, Dave.

For those in need of strength and guidance: Bev, Sam, Linda, Jeremy, Katie, Elizabeth, Vestry, staff.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the Altar are given by Dr. Jo Ann C. Bowman to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frances Moody Floyd.

Concluding Collect

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

Blessing for Anniversaries and Birthdays

Holy Communion

Anthem *Deep River* Traditional Spiritual, arr. P. Keveren

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Sanctus Hymn S 125

Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Breaking of the Bread – Fraction Anthem Hymn S 154

Communion Hymns *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* S. Temple, arr. J. Holstein

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Christ is alive!* Hymn 182

Dismissal

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

M. Luther, J.S. Bach

Those Serving Today

Usher: John Kirkman; Lector: Sam Gaskins; Chalice Bearer: Lynda Turbeville; Intinction Vessel Carrier: Mary Thacker; Vestry Greeter: Barbara Duffy; Altar Flowers: Dr. Jo Ann C. Bowman; Altar Guild: Barbara Massengill and Jane Karseras; Director of Music: Dr. Jo Ann Bowman; Guest Pianist: Deb Heyvaert; Rector: The Rev. Bruce Heyvaert

Weekly Announcements April 24, 2022

We are now removing the reservation system. In-person attendance is no longer limited for worship. If you have any contagious symptoms or feel unwell, we ask that you view the livestream at home to protect the health of others. Thank you!

We are happy to now offer an online giving option with Vanco. You can make donations to St. Thomas' online via this site:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YHV6>

May 8th is just around the corner - **Mother's Day!** Looking for a gift for the person who needs nothing? **Treat her with a 125th Anniversary Cookbook put together by your Women of the Church.** It not only has great recipes in it, but it is an excellent read! Contact Micki if you would like one at 919-610-8454. They are \$20 and available for the asking!