

# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH

*St. Thomas Episcopal Parish, Church and School is a place to feel welcomed, to be loved, and to grow in faith.*

*We are an inclusive and diverse Christian parish that seeks to transform lives*

*by engaging in actions that will enhance our relationship with God, with each other, and with our community.*

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## The Third Sunday of Easter

May 01, 2022



Mosaic in the Cathedral of Monreale, Sicily (1180)

## The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Organ Prelude

Hyfrydol

Healy Willan

*Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn and procession*

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

BH #460

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!.

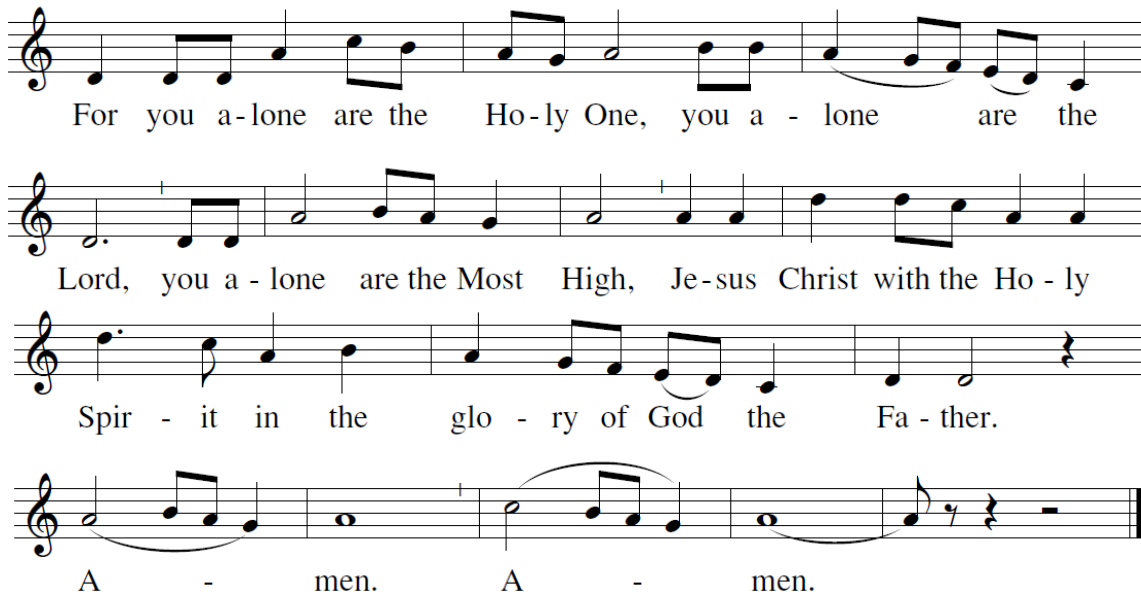
*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the  
high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-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 on us; You are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -  
ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.



*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings*

## The Word of God

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(9:1-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him,



"Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 30

*The organ will play the Psalm Refrain, then the Choir will sing it for us to learn.  
The third time, and at each "R", you are invited to sing along*



- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health. **R**
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. **R**
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning. **R**
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear. **R**

9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? **R**

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

(5:11-14)

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "*Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "*To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!*"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel*

### **Gospel Hymn**

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

BH #343

### **The Gospel**

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John        (20:19-31)  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Canon Jason Roberson**

*You may be seated for the Sentences and Doxology  
We will rise again in speaking the Nicene Creed*

### **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.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who 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

*Intercessor:* Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
God invites us to bring our doubts and fears,  
our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise,  
and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

I will end each bidding saying "Risen Lord"  
and I ask you to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

We pray that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy  
of his holy and life-giving resurrection.

Risen Lord,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray that isolated and persecuted churches  
may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel.

Risen Lord,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for Justin, Michael, Peter, Leo, Cal and all bishops;  
for Tim, Ed, Jason, Mary Beth, Mary Ellen, Spencer, Rafael, and all priests and  
ministers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Rwanda and  
their Archbishop Laurent Mbanda*.

We pray for all places where your gospel is proclaimed.

Risen Lord,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for this parish, that we may discern where you are calling us to go,  
and always be willing to follow you there.

Risen Lord,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray that you may grant us humility  
to be subject to one another in Christian love.

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray that you may use us to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter.

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for an end to war and famine throughout all the earth.

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for children throughout the world,  
including the children of St. Thomas Parish School

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray that you may reveal the light of your comforting presence to the sick, the weak and those in any sort of distress, including those we name before you now.

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for those who have died, *including Raymon Singler*,  
secure in the faith that all will share in your resurrection.

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray that you may send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to your resurrection.

Risen Lord,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant will finish with a concluding collect.*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*You may be seated for the Announcements and Offertory.*

## **Announcements**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

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# The Holy Communion

***A prayer for Spiritual Communion*** (prayed together by all those not physically present)

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, especially at St. Thomas where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer A, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979.

*Please stand as you are able*

**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 God 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

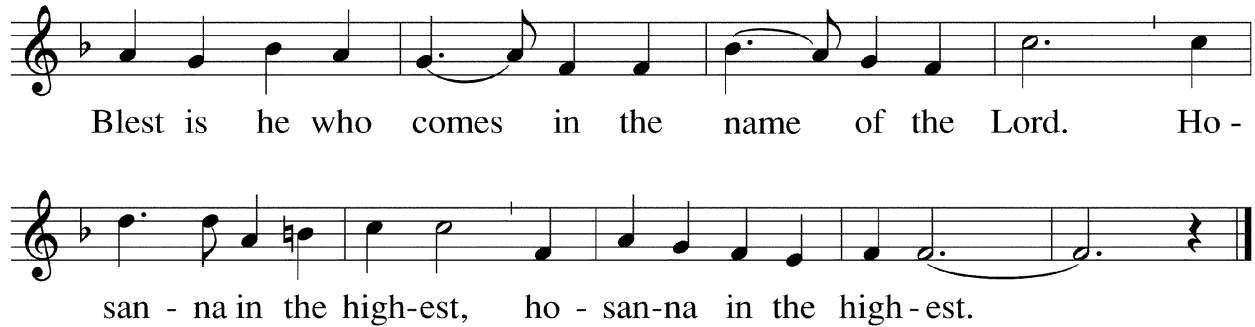
**Sanctus S-125**

**Richard Proulx**

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.



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### ***Celebrant and People***

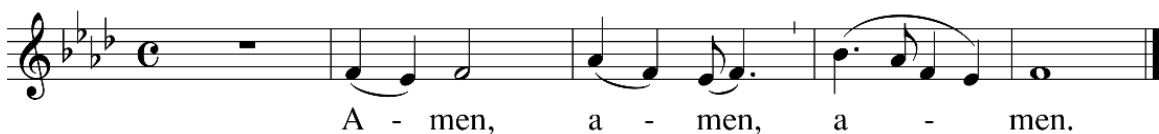


We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

### ***Celebrant and People***



And now, as our Savior Jesus 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem:**

Christ our Passover

Richard Proulx



*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
 Holy gifts for holy people.

**Communion Anthem**

*Let Us Break Bread together*

LEVAS #152

**Piano Reflection**

*Let Us Break Bread*

Malcom Kogut

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's holy table, no matter your background or denomination in the church. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail and extend your hands to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may still come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.*

**After Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

**Closing Hymn:**

*Festival Canticle*

BH #417

*Celebrant:* Dismissal

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

**Organ Postlude:**

*This is the Feast*

Charles Callahan

# *Lord we offer you our prayers for those on the parish prayer list*

Week of April 27, 2022

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

Chris Whiting, Hugh Humphery, Miles Tolmach, Ellie Nosich, Jack Gonazlez, Linda Johnson, Sloan Barrett, Kayla Riera-Gomez, Raymond Khachab, Lucy Diaz, Jeff Berlin, Eva Dapena

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Carlos & Noel Lorenzo, Nathan & Kelly Vedrani, Tony Nunez & Lily Vallone, David & Mari Wells

## **DEPARTED:**

Ramon Singler

## **IN NEED OF HEALING:**

*We hold up to God's healing touch and love the following individuals:*

Bradley Wagshul, Doug Rice, Evans Crews, Joseph Ramirez, Flo Garcia, Susana Moro-Quimby, Margaret Kalbac, J.J. Harding, Steve Coldren, Nick Arroyo, Dan Bartholomew, Bob Freyer, Ron Thompson, Charles Knight, Brendan Daria, Valerie Watt, Sarah Gable, Mary Ann Brooks, Betty Phillips, Devin Bennar, Shelley Weymouth, Margret Palm, Heather Nagel, Mary Lou Shad, Gwynn Elias, Reuben Trane, Zach Caron, Diane Rourke, Allison Langer, Alexa Frisbie, Eloine Villarinoi, Kerry Corlett, Benedict Eberhagen, Carol Catalano, Bryce Laury, Susan, Dawn Pino, Julie Johnson, Patricia, Ani Cata Taylor, Virginia Elias, Clara Montoya, Karen Payne, Jim Karasoutos, Jessica Mederos, Camila Velez, Jane Ann Wise, Fr. David Adams, Colin Ramsay, Ralph, Jonathan Allison, Matteo DeSola, and Suzie Rantz Westbrook, Mahala and Suraya, Dawn Hogans Pino, Jason Lippe, John Malloy, Isabel Malloy, Gustavo, Mirella, Gabi, and Anna Lang, baby Lang, Ed Hammatt, Joan Caron, Nicky Edwards, the Edwards family, Sue Darby, Francisco Rodriguez, Jason Haught, Kelly McCammon, and Kerry Nahoom

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