

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. Tami L. Burks

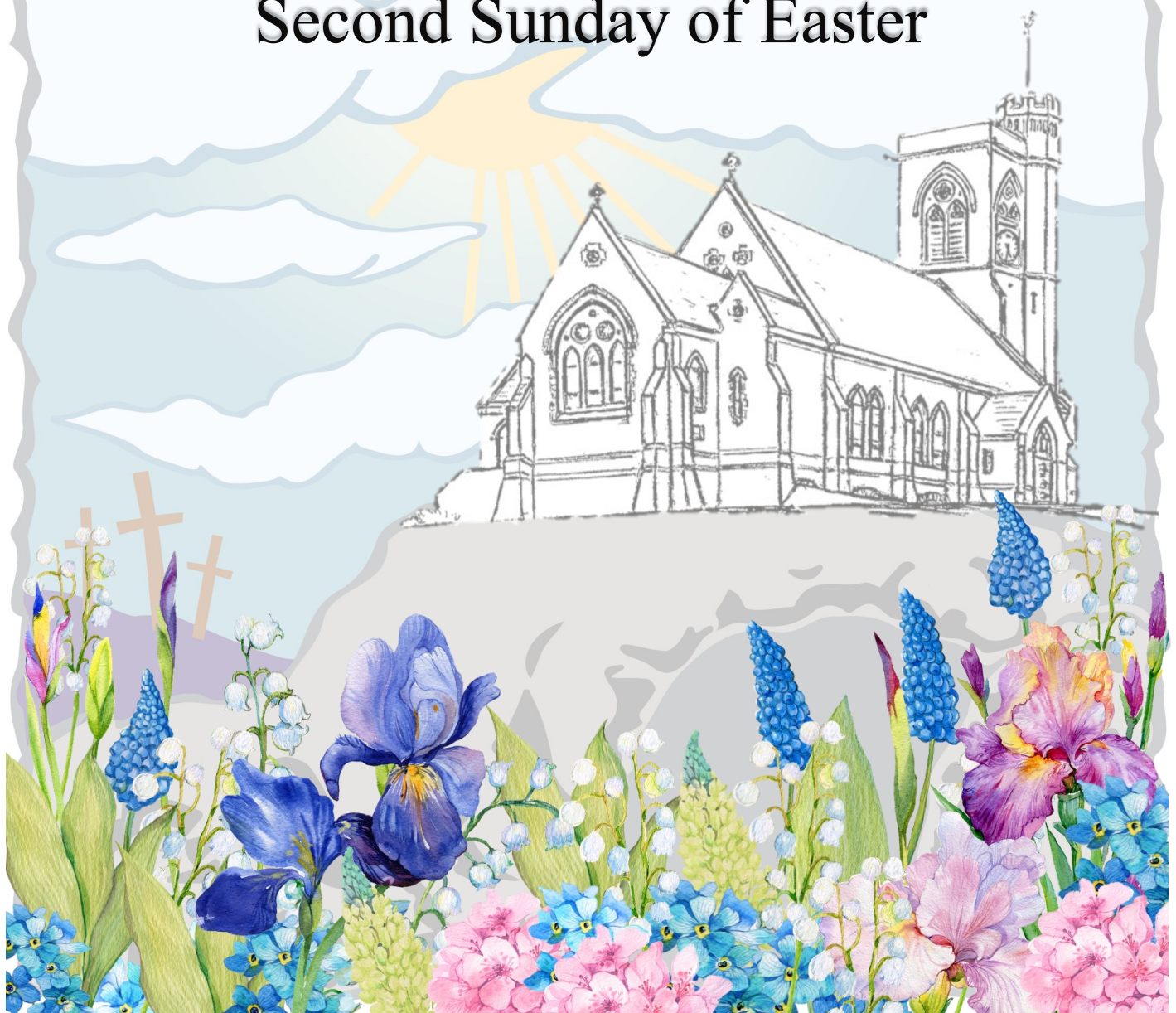
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Second Sunday of Easter



Thank you for choosing to worship with us today

At St. Thomas we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00 AM with music. This service bulletin is printed according to the Book of Common Prayer.

We joyfully welcome Children to worship with us! They can color, wander, make some noise, and pray in whatever fashion they see fit. There is a special “pray-ground” nook in the middle of the church. Families are welcome to sit there or borrow one of the books or other materials.

Sunday School from preschool to 8th grade is held most Sundays, September through May. An usher can show you where the classrooms are.

The bathrooms are located downstairs—walk down the right aisle towards the front to the door with the exit sign. From there take the steps down to the basement. At the bottom of the stairs, turn right.

We hope you feel welcome, will choose to visit us again, and consider becoming part of our faith community. If you are interested in learning more, you can fill out a connection card or take a welcome package home.

Blessings from God, love, peace, and hope.
From the Clergy, Vestry, Staff and People of St. Thomas
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OPENING HYMN 208(stand as able)

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

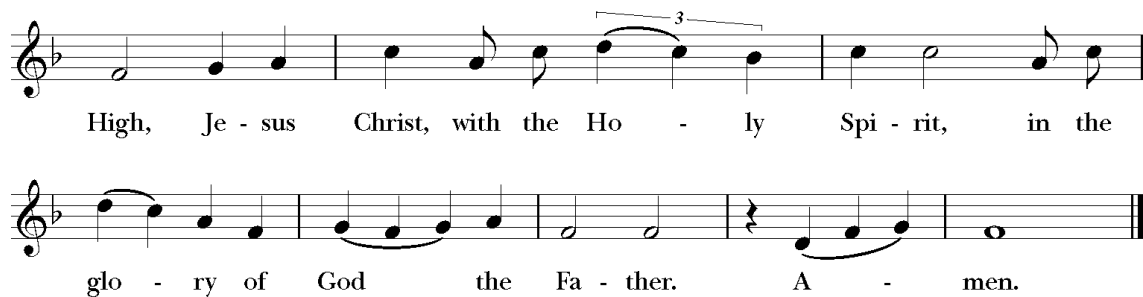
Priest

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 GLORIA S-280

R. Proulx

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit’s gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133 (*said responsively by verse*)

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head ***
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon ***
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life -- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and

declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us -- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN 212 *sing verses 1, 2, 3 before and verses 4 and 5 after the gospel*

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -



1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven." Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Tami L. Burks

THE NICENE CREED (*stand as able*)

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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

Gathered as believers who are one in heart and soul, let us pray through Jesus the Son of God, gloriously risen from the dead, saying: "Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer."

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Matt, Allen, and Mary, our bishops, that through the gift of the Spirit we may recognize God's presence with us.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we who have not seen the Risen Lord and yet have come to believe may be blessed in sharing the peace and forgiveness we have received.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are wounded in any way, that we may see Christ in the wounds of those around us and be instruments of healing and peace in their lives.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blossoming of faith, that the light of the risen Christ may guide us and sustain us through all the challenges of life.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in need, especially those who suffer violence, are recovering from natural disasters or lack resources for daily living, that the Risen Christ will visit them with healing, power, and new hope.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially **Mabel** Atkinson, **Judy** Bergen, **Katherine** Connell-Thouez, **Kate**, the **Keogh Family**, **Ann** Breen Metcalfe, **MJ** and **Lauren**, **Kenneth** Nixon, **Carl** and **Mary** Olsson, **Maryanne** Scheyder, and **Essie** Steckler..

At this time, please add the names of those for whom you wish prayers, either silently or aloud.

Silence

That the Spirit will renew in them the gift of life.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially Dennis Galgano and Kathy Cusano.

At this time, please add the names of those we love and remember but see no more, either silently or aloud.

Silence

That they may now rejoice and be glad in fellowship with the Risen Christ.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all those who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer in the hope of glory and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People

**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.**

Priest

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

Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS; BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peace

Horace Silver

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*stand as able*)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you

created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

THE SANCTUS S-129

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Priest continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Priest

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Thomas, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

Priest 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

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

Then is sung by all

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-154

David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

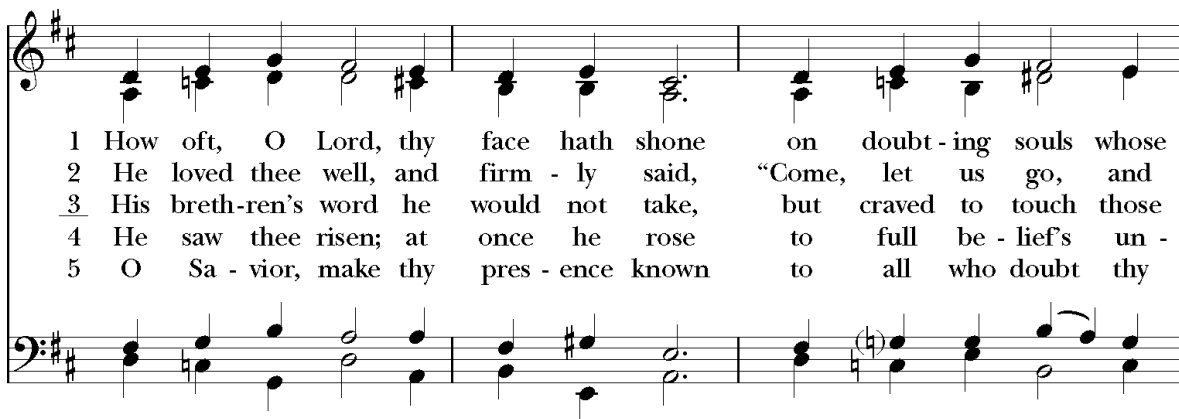
The Priest says

Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who feel you have failed. Come. It is Christ who bids us to meet him here, and all are welcome.

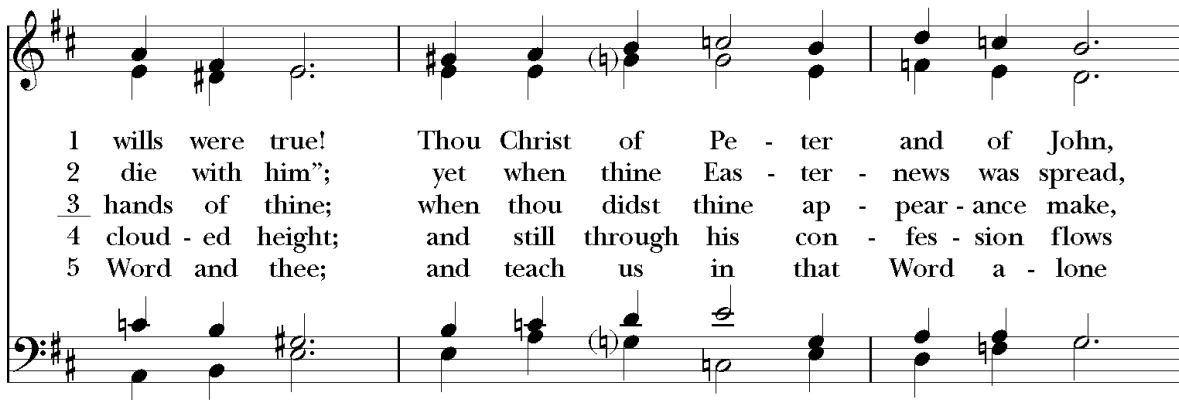
All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion

Please wait for the ushers to guide you -- we will form one line down the center aisle. If you would like to receive the bread, open your hands. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you would also like to receive the wine you may do so in one of two ways. Either sip from the chalice, helping to guide it to your lips, or give the person holding the chalice the wafer and they will intinct it (touch it to the wine) and hand it back to you. Return to your pew by the outer aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and we will commune you at your seat.

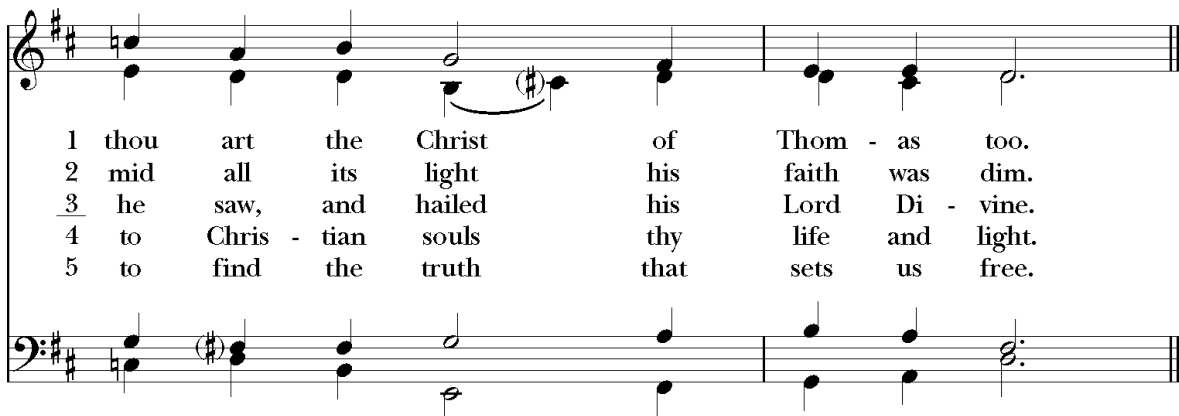
COMMUNION HYMN 242



1 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone on doubt - ing souls whose
2 He loved thee well, and firm - ly said, "Come, let us go, and
3 His breth-ren's word he would not take, but craved to touch those
4 He saw thee risen; at once he rose to full be - lief's un -
5 O Sa - vior, make thy pres - ence known to all who doubt thy



1 wills were true! Thou Christ of Pe - ter and of John,
2 die with him"; yet when thine Eas - ter - news was spread,
3 hands of thine; when thou didst thine ap - pear - ance make,
4 cloud - ed height; and still through his con - fes - sion flows
5 Word and thee; and teach us in that Word a - lone



1 thou art the Christ of Thom - as too.
2 mid all its light his faith was dim.
3 he saw, and hailed his Lord Di - vine.
4 to Chris - tian souls thy life and light.
5 to find the truth that sets us free.

COMMUNION HYMN 203

Antiphon (at the beginning)



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



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



1 O sons and daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their
 5 On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and



1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um - phing.
 2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 3 to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."
 4 Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."
 5 voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Antiphon (at the end)



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



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

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

After Communion, the Priest says
Let us pray.

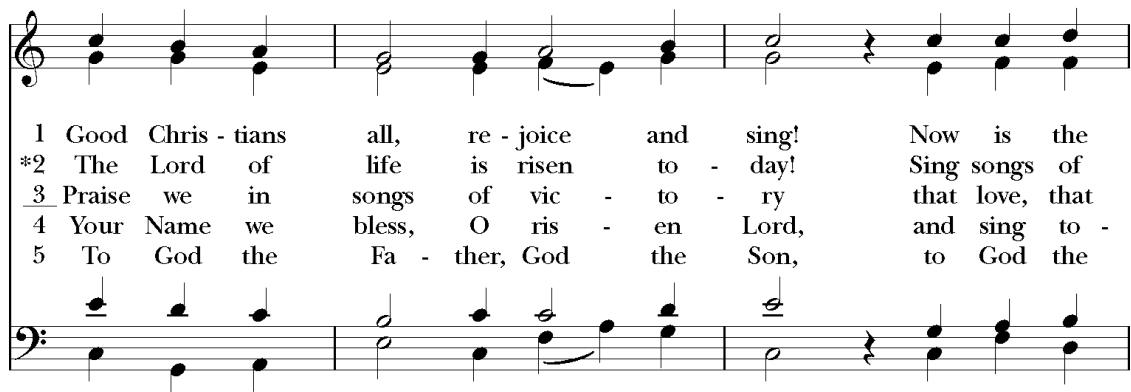
All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

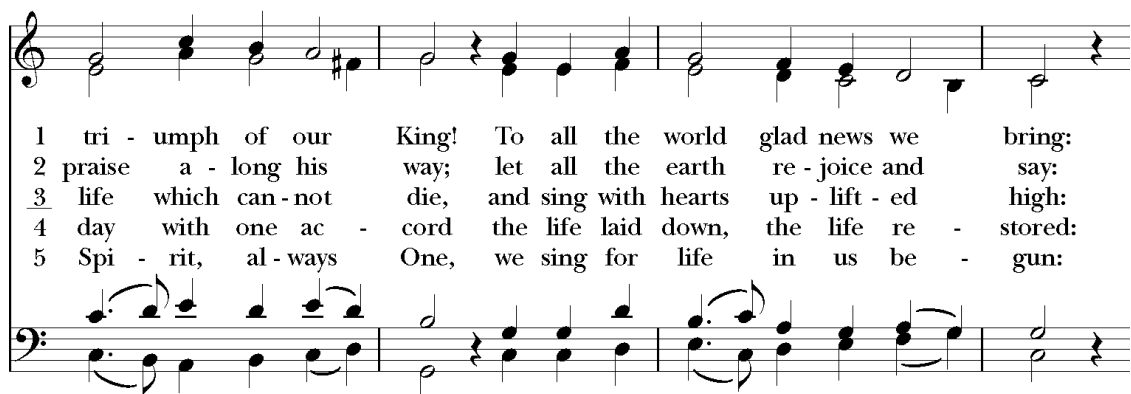
THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the wisdom of God, the love of God, and the grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the one holy, undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

HYMN 205 IN PROCESSION *(stand as able)*



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
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



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 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!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE

The liturgy has ended. The service now begins.

St Thomas' Story

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 THOMAS
 DOORS
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 RECEIVE
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 JESUS
 FATHER
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 DISCIPLES
 MESSIAH
 MARK
 REJOICED



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SEEKERS, SEARCHERS, AND DOUBTERS WELCOME