

**Easter Sunday  
Resurrection Sunday**

**April 20, 2025  
10:00 AM**

**The Celebrant and Homilist:** The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw  
**Assisting:** The Rev. Fr. Daren E. Evans and The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins

**Seminarian:** Kathryn Brossa

**Verger:** Karen Ragland

**Music Ministry:** St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble, St. Thomsas Chancel Choir,  
and St. Thomas Gospel Choir

**Dance Ministry:** St. Thomas Angels in Motion

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**Order of Service**

**The Easter Acclamation:** “Alleluia. Christ is Risen!”

**The Response:** “He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!”

**The Opening Hym-“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

1982 Hymnal #207

**1) Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

**Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!**

**suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!**

**Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**

**3 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!**

**4) 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!**

**A Word of Welcome**

The Rector

**The Opening Salutation**

**The Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**The People:** “He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!”

**The Collect for Purity**

Book of Common Prayer Pg. 355

The 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.**

**The Song of Praise**

St. Thomas Chancel Choir

**The Proclamation of the Word****The Collect of the Day**

**The Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**The Celebrant:** 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.**

**The First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

Avery Jones

**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 Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**The People:** Thanks be to God.

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

Chase Miller

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**

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

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

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted!**  
**the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

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

The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
**but He did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
**He who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**

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

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

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

**The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

Laura McNeill

**A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth.**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**The Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**The People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn—"He Rose"**

(Lift Every Voice and Sing) LEVAS #40 (vv. 1-2)

**1) They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the tree.**

**They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the tree.  
They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the tree  
and the Lord will bear my spirit home.[Refrain]**

**Refrain: He rose, He rose, He rose from the dead!  
He rose, He rose, He rose from the dead.  
He rose, He rose, He rose from the dead  
and the Lord will bear my spirit home.**

**2) Then Joseph begged His body and laid it in the tomb.  
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and the Lord will bear my spirit home.[Refrain]**

**The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18**

**Fr. Daren Evans**

**The Priest:** The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**The People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**The Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**The People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily Hymn-“He Rose”** (Lift Every Voice and Sing) LEVAS #40 (vv. 3-4)

**3) Sister Mary she came running, a looking for my Lord.**

**Sister Mary she came running a looking for my Lord.**

**Sister Mary she came running a looking for my Lord  
and the Lord will bear my spirit home.[Refrain]**

**Refrain: He rose, He rose, He rose from the dead!**

**He rose, He rose, He rose from the dead.**

**He rose, He rose, He rose from the dead  
and the Lord will bear my spirit home.**

**4) An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.**

**An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.**

**An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away  
and the Lord will bear my spirit home.[Refrain]**

**The Homily**

**The Call to Christian Discipleship**

**Fr. Shaw**

**The Celebrant**

**The Liturgy of Holy Baptism**

**BCP 301**

**Baptismal Candidates**

**Naomi Christine Thomas**

**Quincy Adam-Lee Jones**

**Luke Lee-Adam Jones**

**Nazir Eddi Henry**

**Lorenzo Whitaker**

**Presentation of Bibles to the Newly Baptized**

**The Guild of the Christ Child**

**The Peace**

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

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

**A Dance Selection**

**St. Thomas Angels in Motion**

**The Holy Eucharist**

**The Offering Sentence and Offering**

**The Offertory Selection**

**St. Thomas Gospel Choir**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.**

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

**The Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.**

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

**The Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**The 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

**The Celebrant and the People:**

**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:** 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:

**The Memorial Acclamation**

**The Celebrant and The people**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**The Celebrant:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer 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 your, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer (Sung)**

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

**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, forever and ever. AMEN.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed.

**The People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### **The Agnus Dei**

**The Celebrant:** Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

**The People:** Have mercy upon us.

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**The People:** Grant us thy peace.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**Let us pray:** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **AMEN.**

**The Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Distribution of Communion**

#### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**The Celebrant and the People:**

**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.**

**Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**The Celebrant:** In the healing name of Jesus and with the compassionate embrace of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts to those to whom you go today, so that they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**The People:** We who are many are one body, and we all share one bread and one cup.

**The Announcements**

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

**The Youth and Young Adult Announcements**

Landon Leys

**The Recognition of Visitors and Guests**

**The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel**

**The Final Blessing / Benediction**

The Celebrant

**The Closing Hymn—"He Lives"**

**Praise the Name of Jesus!**

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**He's, my rock.**

**He's, my fortress.**

**He's, my deliverer.**

**In him will I trust.**

**Praise the name of Jesus! The Dismissal**

**The Blessing / Benediction**

During Sundays of Easter, the Celebrant will offer the Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament (The Body of Jesus). When the Monstrance is lifted, the practice of the church is to reverently make the sign of the Cross.