



**ST. THOMAS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**LEAD**  
**WITH**  
**LOVE**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**EASTER 4A**  
**April 30, 2023**

2201 Dexter St., Denver, CO  
[sainthomasdenver.org](http://sainthomasdenver.org)

## **Welcoming Statement**

At St Thomas' Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background or social or economic circumstance or political affiliations, you are welcome here. We share a love of God and each other, a sense of meaning and belonging, a yearning to learn and grow in faith, and a desire to serve others. We are a vibrant, thriving community with opportunities for people of all ages for spiritual growth, fellowship, and making a transformative difference in our community. As an Episcopal Church, we are a worshipping community that is both rich with ancient tradition and relevant to life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are glad you are here!

## **Learn More About St. Thomas**

If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, we invite you to visit our website ([www.saintthomasdenver.org](http://www.saintthomasdenver.org)), subscribe to our weekly newsletter (link is on website), or schedule a conversation with our priest, [terri@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:terri@saintthomasdenver.org).

## **Inclusive Language:**

At St. Thomas, we support and encourage the use of inclusive language. Towards that end we often choose more contemporary prayers and hymns for our worship service. However, we recognize that many parishioners also appreciate and love our traditional prayers and hymns that employ more patriarchal language. When such prayers or hymns are included in our worship, we encourage you to substitute the word or pronoun that most resonates with you when you pray or sing.

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# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## Prelude

## Processional Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

Hymn 8

*Please stand.*

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for a unison or harmony setting. It consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different parts of the hymn. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and some rests. The lyrics are: 1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven, 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird, like the first dew - fall on the first grass, born of the one light E - den saw play! Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, Praise with c - la - tion, praise ev - cry morn - ing, Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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## Easter Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Presider* Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” 1 John 4:7,8

## Gloria

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Unison*

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 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,  
*Unison*  
 7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
 praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
*Women*  
 Praise your Ho - ly name.  
*Men*  
 Praise your Ho - ly name.  
 A - - - men.

## The Collect of Day

*Presider* May God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Life abundant. God of Grace, you call us by name to live without fear: in peace may we resist all who kill and despoil your people, that their hearts might be turned to the only source of life; through Jesus Christ, the gateway. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 2,42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*After the Reading:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*After the Reading:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

*Celtic Alleluia*

*Please stand.*

*Verses 1-2 before gospel*

*Verse 3 after gospel*



1. *Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.  
Speak your words of wisdom,  
for the words you speak  
are everlasting life.*
2. *The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the word that is living?  
It is brought to us  
through God's Son: Jesus Christ.*
3. *Now he is living, the Christ.  
Out of the tomb he is risen;  
he has conquered death,  
opened heaven to all believers.*

## The Gospel

*Presider*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John                      John    10:1-10  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*After the Gospel:*

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

## Dismissal Of Children for Godly Play Story

*Sung after final gradual verse as children leave the church.*

Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Let your left foot say 'Glory!'  
and your right say, 'Amen!'

## Homily

*Please sit.*



## Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand.*

We believe in the God of Life,  
who creates and loves people,  
who acts in history  
and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who is our brother,  
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;  
without her we are nothing;  
filled with her we are able to become creative,  
lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,  
a community where we find companions and  
courage for the struggles of life,  
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,  
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and  
place, that though we walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, we are called to be  
instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying  
the good of the earth;

We believe that people can change, and God keeps  
pulling us to life and to a new world of joy  
and peace. ~ *Women's Uncommon Prayers*

## Prayers of The People

*Leader* We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Kym our bishop, for Terri our Rector, and for all in our parish.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Gracious God may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others.  
(Especially we pray for...)

God of love

*People* **Grant our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for places where there is war, famine, or unrest.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us.  
May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom.

*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

God of love

**Grant our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

God of love

**Grant our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in hospital, and for those with any other problems.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them.

*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

God of love

**Grant our prayer.**

We remember all those who have died, (especially ...).

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

God of love

**Grant our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

God of love

**Grant our prayer.**

## **The Collect**

God of love grant our prayer. Those things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider*

May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Presider* On this day the Lord has acted; Jesus Christ is risen!  
Let us rejoice and be glad!

## Offertory Anthem

*The King of Love.*

Hymn 645 vs 1-3

*During this hymn the offering is collected. We invite you to generously support the ministries of St. Thomas. Scan to donate:*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-lestial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

## Presentation Hymn

*Doxology*

Hymn #380 v3

*During the hymn an offering is presented at the altar along with the oblations of bread and wine.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

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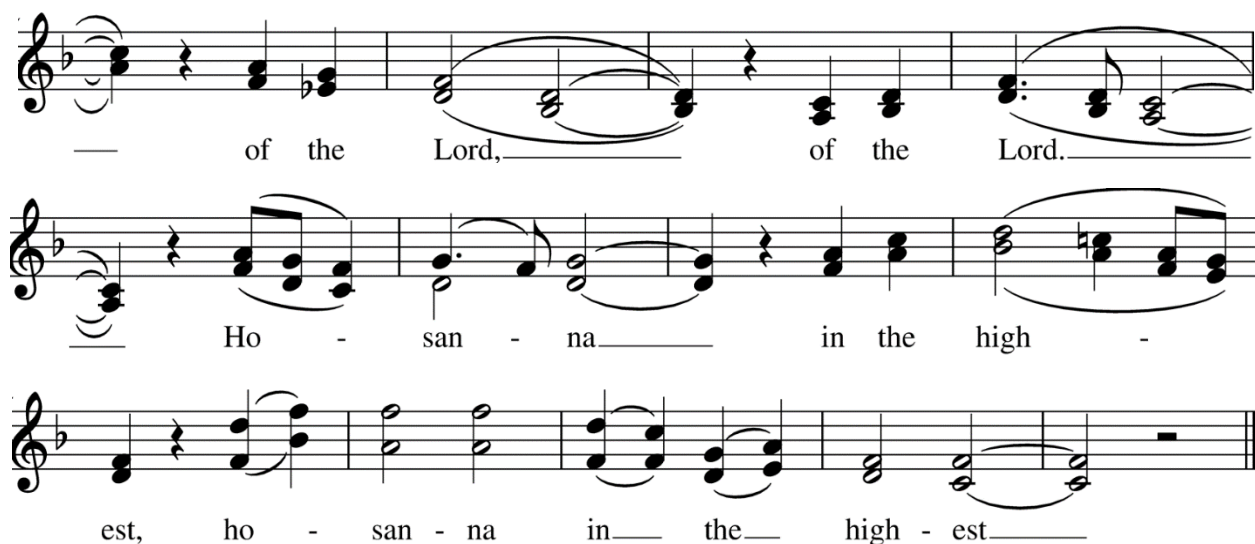
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



*The Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

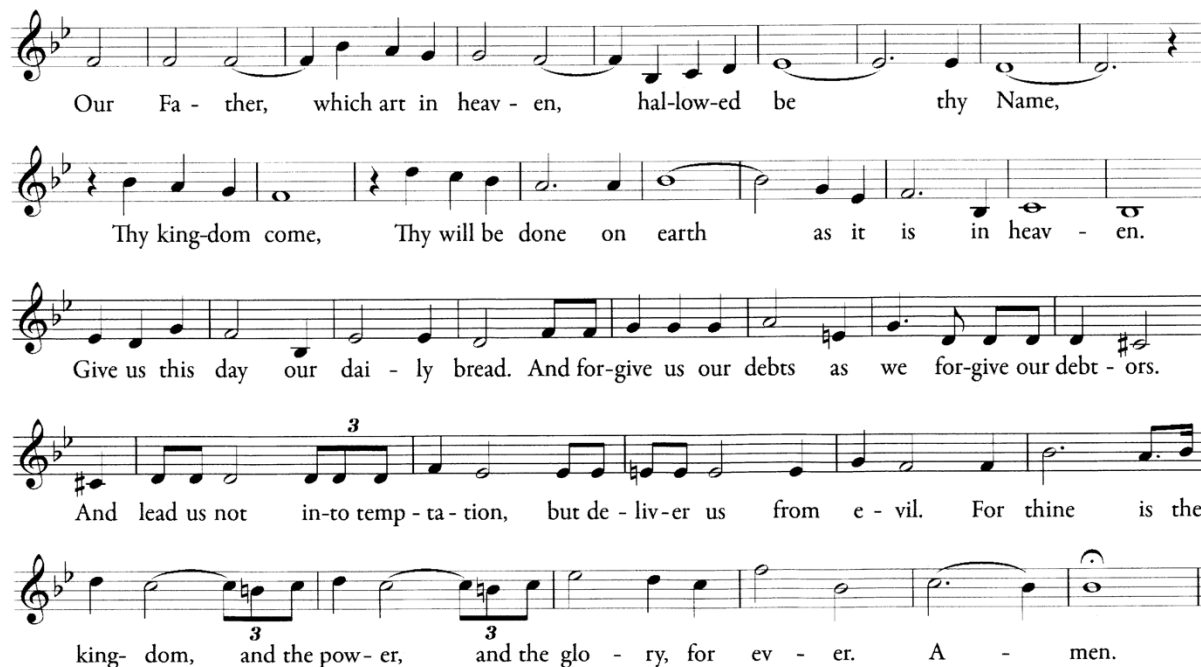
Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AME**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert Hay Malotte



Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
 Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our debts as we for-give our debt - ors.  
 And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the  
 king- dom, and the pow- er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of The Bread

### Fraction Hymn

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

WLP 784



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our  
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
 hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
 prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
 Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who  
 wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"  
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." D.C.

## The Invitation to The Table

### The Communion of the People

*All who love God and seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive the bread, please place one hand over the other. If you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free communion wafers and chalice are available. Simply, indicate your desire to the clergy. If you need to have communion brought to you, please alert an usher and the clergy will come to you.*

### Communion Hymn

*All Who Hunger*

WLP #761

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace c - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace c - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.  
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*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*

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Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Please stand or kneel.*

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.



# GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

**Birthdays, Anniversaries and Blessings**

**Announcements - Wardens**

## May All Beings Dwell In The Heart



**Final Blessing**

## Recessional Hymn

*Lead With Love*

### Chorus

You gotta put one foot in front of the other  
And lead with love  
Put one foot in front of the other  
And lead with love. (repeat all 4 lines)

Lift up your eyes  
Don't you despair  
Look up ahead  
The path is there

### Verses (call and response)

Don't give up hope  
You're not alone  
Don't you give up  
Keep movin on

I know you're scared  
And I'm scared too  
But here I am  
Right next to you

## The Dismissal

*Presider*

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

## Upcoming Events

- May 6th - Spring Tea Fundraiser
- May 7th - Congregational Video
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Locally Haiti Fundraiser
- May 10th Celebration of New Ministry, 6:30
- Distribution of Free Trigger Locks - June 10th Five Points Jazz festival, June 17th & 18th Juneteenth Festival, and June 24th & 25th Pride Festival
- Pride Worship Service and Parade June 25th

## Information about Summer Camp

Wonder Summer Camp is for ages 6 to 12-years-old and will be held from July 24, 2023 through August 3, 2023 at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church.

Camp hours are Monday to Thursday from 9am to 3pm.

Cost of camp is \$350 a week.

Group ratio is 10 children to 1 adult leader (1 leader and 1 assistant per group), to ensure safety/attention to each child's individual needs, and will promote personal independence through social emotional learning (SEL).

Activities will include science, technology, art, engineering, and math (STEAM) to strengthen development in and out of the classroom. Each day will focus on a different academic or life skill such as cooking/nutrition, woodworking/engineering, author/entrepreneurship, and many more! Your child will go on two field trips (1 off-site field trip per week) to the Denver Zoo and AMC Movie Theater with tickets and snacks included.

Stories of activism, US/BIPOC history, Godly Play, and culture will be told daily.

We aim to provide your child with a safe space to wonder while learning how the world works!

## COMMUNICATION COVENANT

1. If we have a concern or issue that involves someone, we will discuss it with that person privately.
2. If someone has a concern or issue with another person and comes to us, we will send them to that person.
3. If someone is reluctant to come to the person with whom they have a concern, we will offer to accompany him or her to see that person.
4. We will not interpret what others say or mean. (We will ask them to interpret for us if we are unclear of their intentions.)
5. If something is confidential, we will not share it with anyone. Exception: If you are aware that  
a) someone is going to physically harm someone else; b) someone is going to harm herself/himself/ themselves; c) a child has been physically or sexually abused, please consult with the clergy.
6. We will not read or react to unsigned letters or notes.
7. We will not act on anonymous complaints brought by others.
8. We will not manipulate. We will not be manipulated. We will not let others try to manipulate others through us.
9. When in doubt, we will say what is on our minds. The only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked.
10. When in disagreement, we will say it. We cannot resolve issues that are left unspoken. We cannot work together without mutual understanding and trust.
11. Our relationships with each other are the most important asset in our community. So, if we have a concern, we will pray and then, if led, speak up.



## OUR WHY: To Lead With Love

We lead with love by:

- Being an inclusive, welcoming space for all.
- Seeking the holy in ourselves, each other, and the world
- Making a difference in our community



## CORE VALUES

- **ATTEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES**  
Through prayer, spiritual practices and formation, we weave our relationship with the Holy into the fabric of our daily lives. Prayer and discernment guide ministries and worship. (Foundational)
- **CHOOSE LOVE**  
We act from love not fear; build bridges not walls. (Foundational)
- **CREATE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY**  
We gather and care for each other. We cultivate deep relationships. We will prioritize our relationships with each other over the differences that separate us. (Foundational)
- **WELCOME ALL**  
All means all and all are welcome. We promote an inclusive culture by 1) fostering the skills to shift our cultural perspectives and appropriately adapt our behavior to bridge cultural differences; 2) cultivating the self-awareness and empathy needed to value difference in working toward equity. (Missional)
- **HONOR DIVERSITY**  
All are welcome. Our leadership, worship, music and ministry initiatives will reflect our diversity. (Missional)
- **PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL**  
Through formation, lobbying and other initiatives we prayerfully engage in social justice activities that promote and protect the dignity of all people. (Missional)
- **CARE FOR CREATION**  
We value our interdependence with creation and recognize our role as stewards. We incorporate practices that protect, sustain, and nourish our fragile earth and her inhabitants.
- **ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**  
We open our hearts and doors to our individual and church neighbors, strive to understand their needs and support them. (Missional)
- **NURTURE THE NEXT GENERATION**  
We offer, support and staff worship and formation opportunities for families and children. (Missional)
- **CULTIVATE BEAUTY**  
We tend to the beauty of our space, worship and music that evokes a sacred sense of awe, stillness and joy. (Missional)

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