

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. PETERSBURG, FL



EASTER DAY

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

April 5, 2026

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad you are here.

*For use in your pew racks: the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book, The Hymnal 1982 is the blue book. Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) is the green song book., and LEVAS – Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black book).
* indicates 10 am only*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION, EASTER DAY

Voluntaries "Symphony No. 29 Mov. I" W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

"Russian Easter Overture" Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

***Hymn 207** "Jesus Christ is risen today" *Easter Hymn*

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant and People together say the Collect for Purity

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.

***Hymn S-278** "Gloria in excelsis" *William Mathias (b. 1934)*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10: 34-43

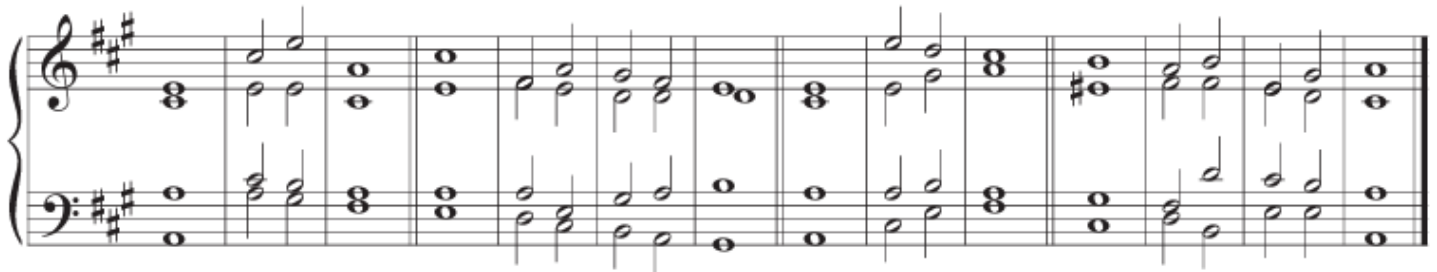
Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That 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.”

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

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

T. A. Walmisley (1814-1856)



O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for | he is | gracious; *
 because his | mercy • en|dureth • for | ever.
 Let Israel now confess that | he is | gracious, *
 and that his | mercy • en|dureth • for | ever.
 The LORD is my | strength • and my | song; *
 and is be|**come** | my sal|vation.

The voice of joy and health is in the | dwellings • of the | righteous; *
 the right hand of the LORD bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.
 The right hand of the LORD | hath the • pre|eminence; *
 the right hand of the LORD bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.
 I shall not | die but | live, *
 and de|clare the | works of • the | LORD.
 The LORD hath | chasten'd • and cor|rected me; *
 but he hath not | given • me | over • unto | death.
 Open me the | gates of | righteousness, *
 that I may go into them and give | thanks un|to the | LORD.
 This is the | gate of • the | LORD, *
 the righteous shall | **en|ter** | into it.
 I will thank thee for | thou hast | heard me, *
 and | art be|come my • sal|vation.
 The same stone which the | builders • re|fus'd, *
 is become the | head stone | in the | corner.
 This is the | **LORD'S** | doing, *
 and it is | marvel•lous | in our | eyes.
 This is the day which the | LORD hath | made; *
 we will re|**joice** | and be | glad in it.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3: 1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

***Hymn 175** [*vv 1-4*]

"Hail thee, festival day!"

Salve festa dies

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 28: 1-10

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley

The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

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 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Standing or kneeling.

In the power of resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, especially we pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Maria, our Assisting Bishop in Residence; Ryan and David, our Priests; Martha, our Deacon, and Yamilet, our Seminarian, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all in high places of authority, and living into the resurrection life, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all military personnel for a safe deployment and for an end to war, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in silence: _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted on Easter Sunday.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
People **Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!**

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 and Benedictus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

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The people remain standing or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you desire a blessing only, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Communion Anthem

"Sing ye to the Lord"

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

*Sing ye to the Lord for He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea
Mighty Victim from the sky hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight thou hast brought us life and light
Now no more can death appall now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise
Mighty Victim from the sky hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight thou hast brought us life and light;
Thou hast opened Paradise and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen*

Hymn 191

"Alleluia, alleluia!"

Lux eoi

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

*We go out into the world having met the risen Lord to carry on the work of the women at the tomb, telling of
Jesus' resurrection and the world's salvation.*

The Easter Blessing

All standing, the priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Hymn 174

“At the Lamb's high feast we sing”

Salzburg

The Easter Dismissal

Deacon With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Voluntary

"Symphony No. 9 Mov. I"

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Thanks to those who are serving today: **Acolytes (10am):** Daniel Nicolas, Caroline Whitley, Blythe Mitchell, Hannah Wetmore, Colin Burkhart. **Altar Guild:** Barbara Bice, Susan McMullen, Courtney Bermudez. **Camera Operators(10am):** Taylor Biafora, Blake Biafora. **Coffee Host:** Hospitality Guild members. **Counter:** Diane Robinson. **Flower Guild:** All Flower Guild members. **Greeter (8am):** Jacob and Evy Rodrigues. **Greeter (10am):** Diane Robinson. **Lay Eucharistic Minister (10am):** Tom Shevlin, Yamilet Roman. **Lector (8am):** Mike Bice. **Lectors (10am):** Kanika Tomalin, Joni James. **Oblation Bearer:** Vickie Ryan. **Prayers of the People (8am):** Mike Bice. **Prayers of the People (10am):** Mary Mellstrom. **Thurifer:** Dominic Nicolas. **Ushers (8am):** Dave and Pat Bernfeld. **Ushers (10am):** Henry Woodroffe, Gorge Burkhart, Bill Thomas. **Vergers:** Russ Martin

Thank you to the Festival Consort

Violin I: Natalie Yu, **Violin II:** Mary Corbett, **Viola:** Derek Mosloff,

Cello: Lowell Adams, **Bass:** Dee Moses.

Parish Prayer List:

Ongoing: Geoff B., Carol W., Chris C., Larry S., Connie W., Laura V., Nancy D., Rene C., Suzette C., Susan H., Louise C., Estelle C., James G., Ricardo R., Pat M., Marty G., Sue M., Emme, Bob M., Jim R. | **Traveling:** David and Jane Anne K. | **Expecting:** Nick T. and Leah B. | **Renewal:** Emma K. | **Baptism:** Gabriel R., Monica S., Sophia S.



THE EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

The Rev. Karl Monroe Park, Miriam Virginia Horton Park,
and Robert Horton Park
Marilyn Martin Stein, Thomas Russell and Mary Martin,
and Mary Evans Kennedy
Our parents
Jame and Olga Woodroffe, Klein and Shirley Woodroffe
Walter C. Jaap, Roberts and Edith Bousen, Roberts Bousen, Jr., and
Walter, Ellen, and Lola Jaap
Richard and Kathryn Merriman, Howard and Kathryn Littell,
Emmylou and Charles Marriman, Kevin Weber
Glenn Leland Coryell
Shirley and Joseph Bernfeld, Irene and Edward Dzuira
John and Rose DiOrio, James and Gina Duncanson
Deanna Fuller Jacobs
C.O. Ritch, Herman and Cynthia Sinnett, Madge Newman
Keith Tulloch
Margaret and Edmund Lanctot, Sr., Ruth, Leonard, and Donald Avant
Clark Robinson and Bill Tillett, with love
For our beloved daughter Meryl Zigila

BY

Mary Jane Park
Russ, Blair, and Tyson Martin
The Rev. David and Beth Gould
Henry and Carol Woodroffe
Karilyn Jaap
Larua Weber, Eric and Kaylan Weber
Teresa Andrés Coryell
Dave and Pat Bernfeld
Julie and Joe DiOrio
Fuller and McMahon Families
Joanna Ritch
The Wilkins Family
Marilyn and Ed Lanctot
Diane Robinson
Bill and Joan Barns

THE EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR...

Joni Leigh James, Joy James Howerton
My children and five grandchildren
Our children and grandchildren
Angela and Derek Dardis
The Amazing Staff and Clergy of St. Thomas'
Sophia Weber
Our children, grandchildren, the clergy and staff and
parishioners of St. Thomas'
My family and friends
Our loving family and friends
Our family and friends.

BY

Mary Jane Park
Jean Irwin
The Rev. David and Beth Gould
Karilyn Jaap
Bill and Trish Thomas
Larua Weber, Eric and Kaylan Weber
Teresa Andrés Coryell
Joanna Ritch
Marilyn and Ed Lanctot
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Jon Ward, Sexton
Joan Groendal-Patterson, Nursery Attendant • Haleigh McGrath, Nursery Attendant

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(Class of 2028) Cathy Ball • Jay Hill, Treasurer • Greg Prescott, Secretary

Our Mission: Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

Our Vision: To create a safe, loving, and accepting for all people
to grow in their faith and spread love out into the beloved community.

