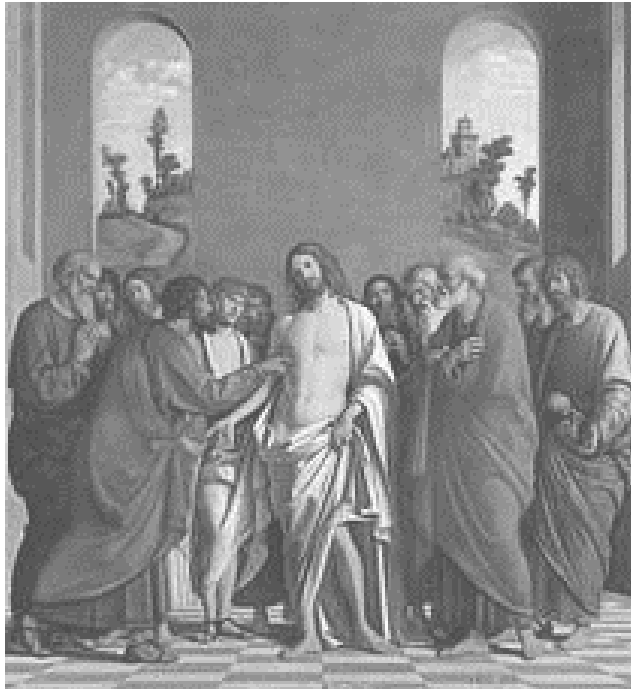


**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 2024**



**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**  
**Camden, Maine**

## 8:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.*

*Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn 192**                      This Joyful Eastertide                      *Vreuchten*

**Easter Acclamation**                      Book of Common Prayer, page 323

**The Collect for Purity**                      page 323

**Gloria**                      page 324

**Collect, Readings and Gospel** (*pages 3-5*)

**Sermon**                      The Rev. Paul Briggs

**Nicene Creed**                      page 326

**Prayers of the People Form III**                      page 387

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Voluntary**

**Offertory Hymn 193**                      That Easter day with joy                      *Puer nobis*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I**                      page 333

**The Lord's Prayer**                      page 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**                      Page 337

**Prayer of Humble Access**                      page 337

**The Communion**                      *This is God's table, all are welcome.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail.*

*You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 339

**Dismissal Hymn 208**                      Alleluia! The strife is o'er                      *Victory*

**Dismissal**    *Response: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Postlude**



## 10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn 192**                      This Joyful Eastertide                      *Vreuchten*

**Easter Acclamation**                      Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Gloria** (*insert in Hymnal*)                      *Robert Powell*                      Hymnal S280

**Collect and Readings** (*pages 3-4*)

**Sequence Hymn 817** (*page 4*)

**The Gospel** (*page 4-5*)

**Sermon**                      The Rev. Paul Briggs

**Nicene Creed**                      page 358

**Prayers of the People Form III**                      page 387

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**                      page 360

**The Peace**                      page 360

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 193**                      That Easter day with joy                      *Puer nobis*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**                      page 361

**Sanctus** (*insert in Hymnal*)                      *Robert Powell*                      Hymnal S129

**The Lord's Prayer**                      page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**                      *This is God's table, all are welcome*

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**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 365

**Dismissal Hymn 208**                      Alleluia! The strife is o'er                      *Victory*

**Dismissal**    *Response: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Postlude**



## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

**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.

## Psalm 133

- 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.

## The Second Reading

**1 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 things to you 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.

**Sequence Hymn 817**      Christ is Risen from the dead      *Early America, adapt*  
(10 a.m. Liturgy only)

(three times)

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

## The Gospel

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be

with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



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## **Liturgical Ministers**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs  
Organist: Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

### **8:00 a.m.**

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon  
Lay Readers: Amy Frankel, Clarissa Brown  
Intercessor: Pat Ayers  
Usher: Peggy Daniels

### **10 a.m.**

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Roy Gilley  
Lay Readers: Sarah Groman, Gwen Prosser  
Intercessor: Donovan Bowley  
Ushers: Jim Ebbert, Phil Groman

### **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Jan Dolcater, Helene, John, Cheryl, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Bayard Chanler, Evie Bridges, Margery, Cathy, James, Jennifer Smith, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Tony, Andrew, Jan, Jo Panayotoff, Luke Morelli, Elizabeth and Gerard Gillespie, Leah, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Tiffany Andrews, Budge Walen, Chris, Sandy, Vicki Boetsch, Allison Davis, Catherine G., Annabel, Virginia

**Birthdays:** Kate Jackson (April 12); Susan Stopper (April 12)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Margaret, Belfast, For our siblings in common mission in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### ***This Week at St. Thomas'***

#### **Sunday, April 7:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

#### **Wednesday, April 10:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, April 11:**

5 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 14:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

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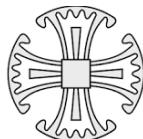
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