

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 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 182** Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing *Truro*

**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. Ted Kanellakis

**Nicene Creed** page 326

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

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Voluntary**

**Offertory Hymn 306** Come, risen Lord, and deign *Sursum Corda*

**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 492** Sing, ye faithful *Finnian*

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

**Postlude**



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

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**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn 182** Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing *Truro*

**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. Ted Kanellakis

**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 306** Come, risen Lord, and deign *Sursum Corda*

**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

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

**Postlude**



## The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

**Acts 3:12-19**

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

## Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## 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!

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



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## **Liturgical Ministers**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Ted Kanellekis  
Organist: Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Lyle  
Lay Readers: Clarissa Brown, Sandy Lyle  
Intercessor: Jan Lyle  
Usher: Jan Lyle

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht  
Lay Readers: Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson  
Intercessor: Jacqueline Recht  
Ushers: Dean Jackson, Roy Gilley

### **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:** Claire Reed (April 14), Avery Reed (April 18), Jean Cox (April 19)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Alban, Cape Elizabeth, St. John, Bangor, For new members of the Church, penitents, and seekers

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

#### **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

#### **Tuesday, April 16:**

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday, April 17:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, April 18:**

5 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 21:**

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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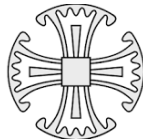
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