

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 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 184** Christ the Lord is risen again *Christ ist erstanden*

**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** page 332

**Offertory Voluntary**

**Offertory Hymn 645** The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*

**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 518** Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

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

**Postlude**



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

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**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn 184** Christ the Lord is risen again *Christ ist erstanden*

**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 5*)

**Sermon** The Rev. Paul Briggs

**Nicene Creed** page 358

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

**Blessings for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**The Peace** page 360

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 645** The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*

**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 518** Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

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

**Postlude**



## The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

**Acts 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

## 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.

## The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Sequence Hymn 817  
(10 a.m. Liturgy only)

Christ is Risen from the dead

*Early America*, adapt

(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 10: 11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Isa Babb in memory of Charles (Del) Babb.*

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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: Terry Mello, Pam Bardon  
Intercessor: Amy Frankel  
Usher: Carlos Mello

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dean Jackson  
Lay Readers: Sue Foltz, Benjy Lowry  
Intercessor: Kate Jackson  
Ushers: Cheryl Reif, Cheryl White

## **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Mercedes and Brian, Fr. Tom Pike, Edmund, Andrew, Karen Doonan, 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, 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:** Sally Anne Williamson (April 21), Kelli McGuire (April 22), Vicki Boetsch (April 25), Jim Ebbert (April 26), Suzanne Thomas (April 26)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Philip, Wiscasset, For the spread of the Gospel to all the world, For our Climate Justice Council

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

### **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

### **Wednesday, April 24:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

### **Thursday, April 25:**

5 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, April 28:**

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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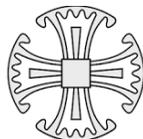
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