

Second Sunday of Easter

# Daily Morning Prayer Rite One

Sunday, April 27, 2025 - 8 a.m.

Gathering Hymn 199

“Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

*St. Kevin*

*The Officiant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven,**

**neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \***

**death hath no more dominion over him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \***

**but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \***

**but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ is risen from the dead, \***

**and become the first fruits of them that slept.**

**For since by man came death, \***

**by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*The People may sit and say the Psalm together.*

**Psalm 118:14-29** *Confitemini Domino*

**<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, \***

**and he has become my salvation.**

**<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory \***

**in the tents of the righteous:**

**<sup>16</sup>“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \***

**the right hand of the LORD is exalted!**

**the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”**

**<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, \***

**and declare the works of the LORD.**

**<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely, \***

**but he did not hand me over to death.**

**<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***

**I will enter them;**

I will offer thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
 he who is righteous may enter.”  
<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
 and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup>Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
 LORD, send us now success.  
<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; \*  
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup>“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.”  
<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
 his mercy endures for ever.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [5:27-32]

<sup>27</sup>When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

*Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

*All stand and say*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
 the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \***  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**  
**This is my God and I will praise him, \***  
**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**  
**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \***  
**Yahweh is his Name.**  
**The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;\***  
**the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**  
**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \***  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**  
**Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \***  
**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**  
**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \***  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness,**  
**awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**  
**You stretched forth your right hand; \***  
**the earth swallowed them up.**  
**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \***  
**with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**  
**You will bring them in and plant them \***  
**on the mount of your possession,**  
**The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \***  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**  
**The Lord shall reign \***  
**for ever and for ever.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Revelation of John [1:4-8].

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*            **The Word of the Lord.**

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

*Silence may follow.*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***  
**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**  
**For you created everything that is, \***  
**and by your will they were created and have their being;**  
**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from John [20:19-31].

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

*Reader*            **The Word of the Lord.**

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

*Silence may follow.*

The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        **The Lord be with you.**

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant*        **Let us pray.**

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
 R. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
 V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
 R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
 R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
 V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
 V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
 R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**  
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel may be offered.

*The congregation may be seated.*

Announcements

*All stand and sing; Offerings may be received and placed on the altar*

Offertory Hymn 508

*"Breathe on me, Breath of God"*

*Nova Vita*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we thine unworthy servants  
 do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
 for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all men.  
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for thine inestimable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we beseech thee,  
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
 and that we show forth thy praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to thy service,  
 and by walking before thee  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**



## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Hymn 180

"He is risen, he is risen!"

*Unser Herrscher*

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*Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, fill out a visitor card (in the pew) and give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.*

## Liturgical Ministers

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## People in our Prayers

**Healing:** Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Jerry Hoff and Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Virginia Johns, Kit Wagner, Tony, Dana, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**Birthdays this Month:** Carol Freebairn (2), Susan Stopper (12), Kate Jackson (12), Jean Cox (19), Sally Ann Williamson (21), Kelli McGuire (22), Michelle Gabrielsen (22), Vicki Boetsch (25), Jim Ebbert (26), Suzanne Thomas (26), John Mattern (28)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. John Baptist, Thomaston, For the spread of the Gospel to all the world

**Thank you** to our flower and altar guild workers, singers, and hospitality providers for making our Holy Week and Easter Day celebrations meaningful and joyous! **And thank you** to all those who helped with our Spring clean-up this past week; everything looks so clean and spacious!

**Next Sunday** is the first Sunday of a new month, which means this is our Sunday to make offerings to stock the shelves of the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry. We are especially soliciting canned **tuna, corned beef, chicken, spam, and other high protein foods.**

**Our bell tower** was unwrapped in preparation for an evaluation of its current condition on April 24. The work was conducted this past Thursday by Liz Reynolds, a structural engineer who specializes in historic architecture from Barba + Wheelock of Portland, Maine. We will be reporting to you on their findings in the next few weeks. This is the first step in evaluating the structure and will help us as a parish to make informed and strategic decisions for next steps.

**Our apologies** for a misprint in last week's bulletin: Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sue Such in memory of Ron Such and by Sue Foltz in memory of Betty and Jean Lendrin.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

#### Sunday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour  
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice  
4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer (Lady Chapel)

#### Wednesday, April 30

9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Healing Service  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (online)

#### Sunday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)  
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice (Music Room)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Lady Chapel)

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

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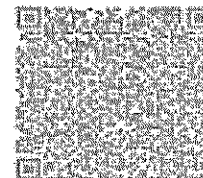
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