



The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.

Entrance Hymn 192

This joyful Eastertide

Vruechten

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

prung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say

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.*

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Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Powell

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:14a, 22-32]

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 16

Remain seated.

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”
- ²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter [1:3-9]

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn WLP 817

Christ is risen from the dead

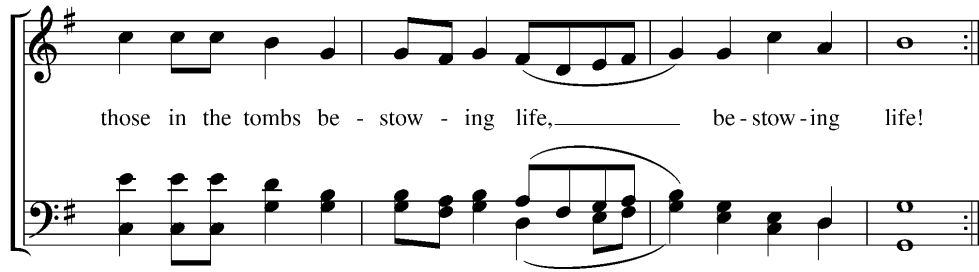
Early American

All stand.

(three times)

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score is marked '(three times)' at the beginning.



All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20:19-31]
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

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

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

The Sermon

The Creed

All stand.

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 again 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

Deacon or Presider

Let us rejoice in the living hope that has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

Intercessor

In thanksgiving for the fellowship we share with Christians throughout the world, who hold high the light of Christ that overpowers death and reveals the promises of the God's eternal reign; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Grant us your abiding and merciful presence, so that in the time of trial we will not be shaken, but may walk the path of your glory to the fullness of your joy; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Show us your wounds, that we may see your face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the abused and rejected, the lonely and despised, and respond with the sacrificial generosity by which you redeemed humanity from sin and evil; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Help us to be a people of forgiveness, moving beyond our feelings of betrayal and rejection, to forgive those who have pierced our hearts, and to receive forgiveness from those whom we have wounded, so that together we may receive the victory of love for which Christ gave his life; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Direct the Church on the road to mutual respect, fidelity, and peace honoring different cultures, languages, races and peoples, so that we may discover the beauty of the global community for which Christ stretched forth his arms of love; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Bread of life and cup of our eternal joy, fill us with these riches of your grace, that we may know your constant presence with those who dwell on earth, and with those whose dwelling place is in paradise; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In companionship with all the baptized, let us continue our prayers.

Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 128

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy

Mathias

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.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

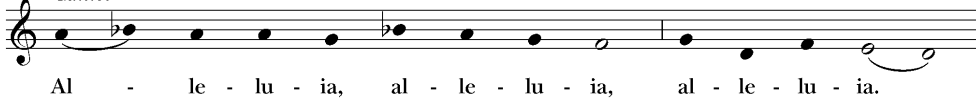
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Christ our Passover

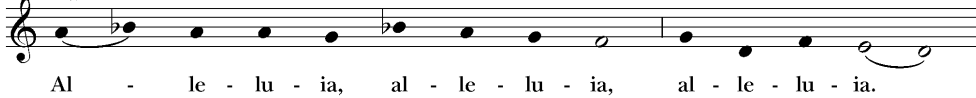
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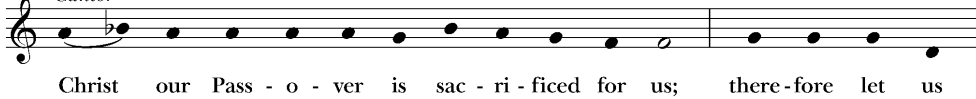
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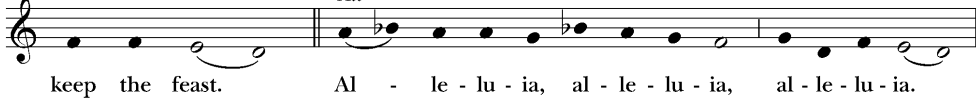
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Cantor



All



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

This is God's table, all are welcome. You may receive at the altar or at the Communion station by the pulpit. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the minister. Communion can be brought to your pew by letting an usher know. The following hymns are sung during the administration of Communion.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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April Birthdays: Carol Freebairn (2), Susan Stopper (12), Kate Jackson (12), Freida Cotton (13), Jean Cox (19), Sally Ann Williamson (21), Kelli McGuire (22), Michelle Gabrielsen (22), Vicki Boetsch (25), Suzanne Thomas (26), Jim Ebbert (26), Dwayne Robinson (28), John Mattern (28), Vitali Chompyska (28)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary & St. Jude, Northeast Harbor, For new life in our homes, our families, and our communities

This Week at St. Thomas'

Wednesday, April 15:

9:30 a.m. Celtic Healing Prayer

11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donvan Bowley for link*)

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 19:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Coffee hour follows in Parish Hall*)

Sunday April 19 - "Coffee with Clergy" will follow the 8 a.m. Liturgy. This is an opportunity for us to check in with each other, suggest ways that can enrich our worship together, welcome newcomers, recruit lay leaders to assist with worship as we resume our early Sunday worship service. If someone would like to bring a coffee cake, it is always welcomed!

ALSO:

Francis Boscoe, son of Cheryl White, will share his pilgrimage on The Way of St Francis or La Via di Francesco after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Upcoming:

Friday, April 24 - Saturday, April 25, Emily Swanson of Holy Cow! Consulting will lead a retreat for vestry and church staff as we unpack the information gleaned from the congregational assessment tool (C.A.T.) survey administered in January and the Listening Sessions held in March and discern next steps for our congregation. Please pray for our church leaders in this process.

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

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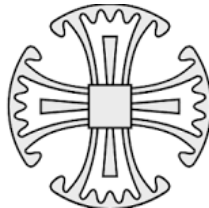
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