



The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 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 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Gelobt sei Gott

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - jice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.*

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 - mighty 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.

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.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:14a, 36-41]

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 10-17

William Crotch



1. I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | suppli | cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me when | ever I | called up | on him.

2. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the | grave took | hold of me; *
I | came to | grief and | sorrow.

†3. Then I called upon the | Name of the | Lord: *
“O Lord, I | pray you, | save my | life.

10. How shall I re | pay the | Lord *
for all the | good things | he has | done for me?

11. I will life up the | cup of sal | vation *
and | call up on the | Name of the | Lord.

12. I will fulfill my | vows to the | Lord *
in the | presence of | all his | people.

13. Precious in the | sight of the | Lord *
is the | **death** | of his | servants.

14. O Lord, | I am your | servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have | freed me | from my | bonds.

15. I will offer you the | sacri fice of | thanksgiving *
and | call up on the | Name of the | Lord.

16. I will fulfill my | vows to the | Lord *
in the | presence of | all his | people,

17. In the | courts of the | Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Je | rusa lem. | Halle | lujah!

A Reading from the First letter of Peter [1:17-23]

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn WLP817

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

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

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [24:13-35]

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹³Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay

with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

As we enter again the presence of our Lord Jesus, revealed in Scripture and the breaking of the bread, let us remember those who are near and those who are far, saying, "O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor

Gracious Lord, as we celebrate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, remember all those who serve before you in your Church, including Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our bishop; and especially those newly baptized this Eastertide.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Jesus, you are with us along the road of life.

Remember all those who govern and hold authority in the world, especially Donald the President of the United States, Janet the Governor of this state, and Audra the Town Manager of Camden, and grant your wisdom to all legislatures and courts.

O God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, King of Glory, by your death you have destroyed death, and, by your rising to life, you have given us newness of life. Remember all those struggling in the midst of death with war, pestilence, and disaster, [especially the peoples of _____].

O God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Table, you nourish us with Bread and Wine, with your very self and presence. Grant that we may become your presence in the world and learn to nourish others, remembering those who are ill, hungry or thirsty, those who are dying, in prison, or in misery. We remember especially those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence.*

O God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord Jesus, you have been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have asleep. Remember all who have died, for they will be made alive in you. Remember especially those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence.*

O God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Christ our Passover, you died to sin, once for all, and the life you live, you live to God. We thank you that we are dead to sin and alive to God in you; we praise you and give thanks for all other blessings of our lives, including those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence.*

O God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider

Make our hearts burn within us, Lord Christ, as we walk with you on the road and listen to your words; strengthen us with your presence and your truth all our journey through, that, at its end, we may behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

The Holy Communion



The people stand as the offerings are brought forward. Online Offerings: Scan the QR Code or click the Donate Button on our website (www.stthomascamden.org)

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

Fraction Anthem S 151

Christ our Passover

Peregrinus/Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Communion Hymn 213

Come away to the skies

Middlebury

Unison or harmony

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
 *5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joyce in the day thou wast born;— on this fes - ti - val day,
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed,— while his grace we re - ceive
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine!— Now cre - a - ted a - gain
 4 joined us to Je - sus'— Name;— so u - ni - ted in heart,
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat:— to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.—
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.—
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.—
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.—
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.—

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.**

The Priest blesses the people

Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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)

For the repose of the soul of: Gabrielle Wicklow

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Millinocket, For our Creation Care Team and parish Earth Keepers

This Week at St. Thomas'

Wednesday, April 22:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donvan Bowley for link*)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26:

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

Tuesday, April 21, 4 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Team will meet in the Conference room.

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.

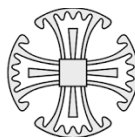
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