



# The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026 8:00 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.*

**The service may be found in The Book of Common Prayer page 323 and begins with the Easter acclamation**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

## The Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

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

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

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter 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. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So 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.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

*Remain seated.*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon 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 repay the LORD \***  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \***  
**and call upon 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 sacrifice of thanksgiving \***  
**and call upon 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 Jerusalem.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*The people sit.*

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

<sup>17</sup>If 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. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through 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.

<sup>22</sup>Now 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. <sup>23</sup>You 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.*

*All stand.*

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

*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then 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?" <sup>19</sup>He 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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But 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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and 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. <sup>24</sup>Some 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." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But 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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They 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?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** **page 327**

**Prayer of the People III** **page 387**

*The Confession of Sin is omitted during the Easter Season*

**The Great Thanksgiving** **page 340**

**Postcommunion Prayer** **page 339**

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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### ***People in our Prayers***

**Healing:** Amanda, Wayne B., Mary Mitchell, Morgan Forster, Fred McLaughlin, Kate Pinson, Karen Nolan, Tim C., Bill, Jan, Marieda Hunt, Patrick Coleman, Jan L., Miriam, The Nisbet Family, Wendy, Jeff, Sandra Covington, Peter Walker, Br. Richard Biernacki BSG, Jeff, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diana Mohr, Gwen, Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Kristina Shea, Tony, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Gay Schueler, Pat Medley, Timothy Darling, Leah, Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla, Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Helen Russell

**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 and Healing Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donovan 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 to follow in the 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 schedule.

#### **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 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.**

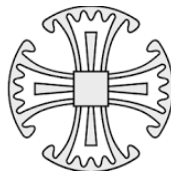
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