



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

Hymn 207

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant: Christ yesterday and today.
People: **the beginning and the end.**
Celebrant: Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him
and all ages;
People: **to Christ be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever.

(The Celebrant lights the Easter Candle, saying:)

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Easter Acclamation

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



The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Holy Gospel John 20: 1-18

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me

where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.*



Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this new day and new opportunity to gather with joy to celebrate the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus. We give thanks for those new to our community. We pray for people around the world gathering in person and online. In the Easter season, help us all to watch for the presence of Christ in our midst. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Today we give thanks for all in our communities: our church community, family, friends, and colleagues. We remember those we miss today, and those whom we have been unable to visit for many months due to COVID-19. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember today those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

✠ *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

Offertory Hymn 178

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament



The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Spiritual Communion Prayer, adapted from the Prayer Book for Armed Services

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The leader invites the following prayer to be said by all:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you now in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Final Hymn 199 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Final Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of the Triune God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate and Risen Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia Alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALLELUIA!

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Announcements for Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

A Note from Our Rector

Dear St. Thomas' Parish,

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

What a joy to celebrate the Resurrection with you this year! I write to share gratitude and an invitation with you.

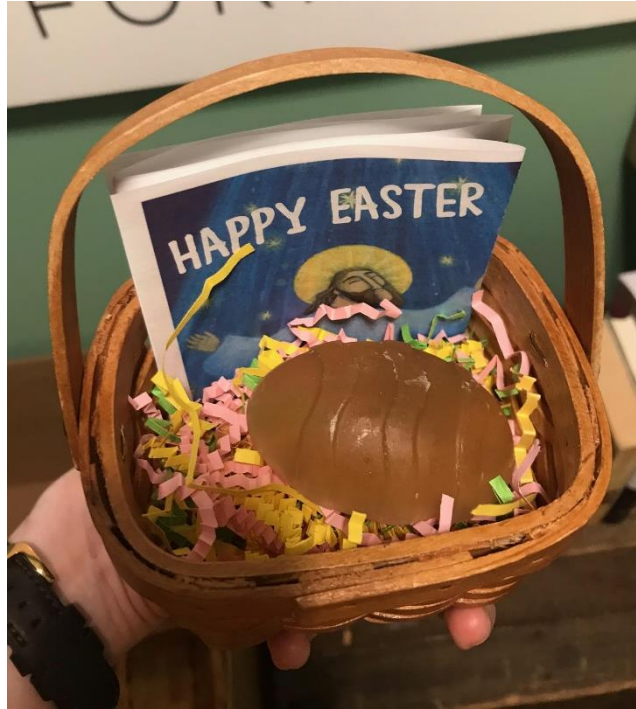
I am grateful that we have found ways again this year, mostly online, to journey with Jesus in Holy Week! Please join me in giving thanks to those who have contributed to our online and in person worship this Holy Week. Much gratitude to the choir led by our Director of Music, Michael Lodico, have kept us singing and recorded some truly beautiful anthems to guide us in our contemplation and worship of Christ. Thank you to all of our readers and leaders of prayer, to all who joined online for worship, to ushers and the Easter hospitality team. We also share our gratitude with the Washington National Cathedral for their hospitality on Easter Day!



Whether you are new to our community or have been around the longest, I invite you to join us during the Easter season for a period of prayer and discernment about how we will regather when it is safe to do so in our building. The Spirit of the living God is at work in our imaginations and dreaming about what is possible!

Easter blessings,
Lisa+

The Parish Office will be closed during Easter week on April 5, 6, 9.



Our Easter baskets this year include a special treat from the charity Fruit N' Holler. **Fruit N' Holler** is a charity dedicated to restoring Appalachian aesthetics to our minds and bodies and serving our communities needs by promoting organics, natural care and education.

Fragrance: "St. Thomas' Parish" (cherry blossoms & incense)



Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, April 4:	EASTER SUNDAY
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
12:00 noon	Worship outdoors at the Washington National Cathedral Amphitheater (registration necessary)
Monday, April 5:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Tuesday, April 6:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Wednesday, April 7:	
6:30-8:30 pm	Sacred Ground Program
Thursday, April 8:	
5:45-6:30 pm	Spanish Conversation with AI
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Sunday, April 11:	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Zoom Code for all of our Worship, Social (Coffee Hour, etc.), Study, and Open Office Hours.

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WFhJM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

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Worship with St. Thomas'

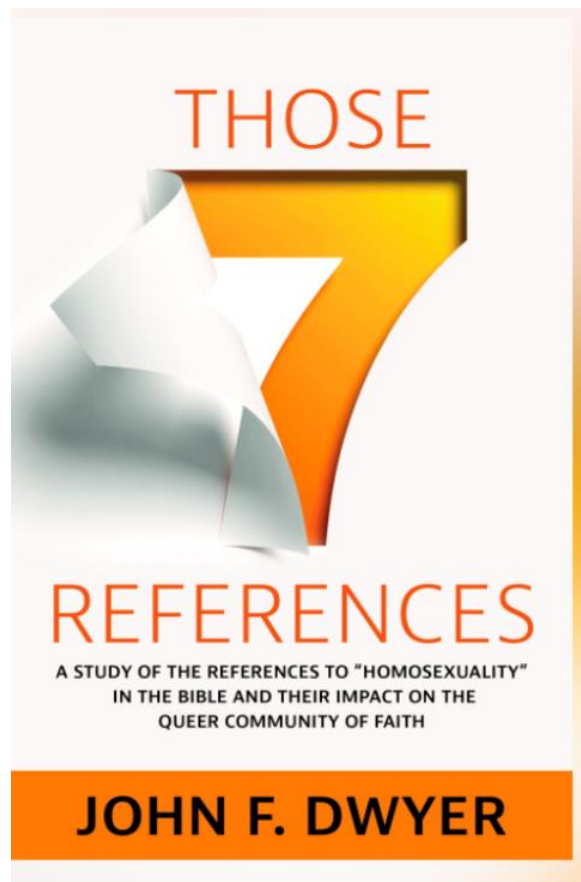
Baptism: Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa if you would like more information about baptism at St. Thomas' Parish.

Confirmation: Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa if you would like to be Confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or if you've been Confirmed in another tradition and would like to be Received.

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Study with St. Thomas'

Our Good Friday preacher is the Rev. John Dwyer, the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He served at St. Thomas' a number of years ago as Seminarian and then Assistant Rector. The book Rev. Dwyer published 12 years ago, "Those Seven References" was just updated and released.



A thoughtful analysis of the faulty rationale behind Christian anti-gay bias.

There have been enormous strides toward equality for the queer community in recent years. There have also been regressive local legislative actions seeking to limit those national steps toward equality. Many of those who have led these regressive efforts are individuals steeped in purposeful ignorance, bias, tribalism, and a radicalization of faithful beliefs, misleading their congregations and influencing legislators.

Personhood, the intense value of our individuality, cannot be made less by these few passages of scripture: God's love for our uniqueness is not compromised by oft misinterpreted verses. Having knowledge and words to counter baseless accusations

can disarm those who would use these passages as weapons of exclusion and judgment and can empower the queer community to live confidently in God's love.

Take Action with St. Thomas'



Diapers Needed – Sizes 4 and 6

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have listened to the needs of our local community and tried to respond faithfully. We've donated lots of diapers, wipes, formula, and more to young, low-income families from Central America served by The United Planning Organization (UPO) in Columbia Heights. St. Thomas' Member Al, serves as a social worker at (UPO), and shares that **there is a current need for diapers in size 6**. Al lives near St. Thomas' Parish on Beekman Place, NW. Call or email him for address or drop off 202-604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

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Celebrating Our April Birthdays

Catherine Manhardt (April 4)
Dennis Hobb (April 7)
Janice Harrison (April 10)
Jane Saari (April 12)
Eric Scharf (April 22)
Peter Jue (April 23)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at
administrator@stthomasdc.org.*

Parish Prayer List

Matthew Briggs
Peggyann Cohen
Judy Greenberg
Jan Harrison
Mark Herzog

Kristin Jones
Mike Knapp
Dave Kucharski
Asheesh Kumar
Bill McDonald

Victor Robinson
Jay Scharf
Annie Scrimenti
Chester Thompson

For the repose of the soul of:

Jerry Donahoe

Peter J. Van Soest

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org



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