



The Episcopal Church of St Thomas the Apostle

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B
Sunday, April 30, 2023
10:30 am

*We welcome you to
The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.
For more than 70 years, this Christian community has gathered,
welcoming ALL in worship!*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale and Fugue

by Healey Willan

AT THE PROCESSION

All people that on earth do well

Hymnal 377

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

GLORIA

Glory to God

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls
us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and
the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 23

John Stainer
(1840-1901)



1 The | Lord is my | shepherd; *
I | shall not | be in | want.

2 He makes me lie | down in green | pastures *
and | leads me be-|side still | waters.

3 He re-|vives my | soul *
and guides me along right | pathways for his | Nāme's |
sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I shall | fear no | evil; *
for you are with me;
your | rod and your | staff, they | comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of |
those who | trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my | cup is | running | over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the | days of my | life, *
and I will dwell in | the house of the | Lord for | ever.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

We the Lord's people

Hymnal 51

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.

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

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sandi Michels

Silence may follow

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

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, “Revive our souls, Good Shepherd.”

Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example and follow in your steps.

Silence

V: Revive our souls, Good Shepherd,

R: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts.

Silence

V: Revive our souls, Good Shepherd,

R: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places where we can find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made.

Silence

V: Revive our souls, Good Shepherd,

R: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people.
Give us generous hearts and open hands.

Silence

V: Revive our souls, Good Shepherd,
R: *And guide us along right pathways.*

Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us.
Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the
fearful and the weak.

Silence

V: Revive our souls, Good Shepherd,
R: *And guide us along right pathways.*

Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and
have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your
eternal home.

Silence

V: Revive our souls, Good Shepherd,
R: *And guide us along right pathways.*

*You are invited to add your own prayers, petitions,
and thanksgivings, here either silently or aloud
and online in the Comment section of our Facebook Feed.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant
People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements & Blessings

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these your servants. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen them all their days, and finally, bring them to that holy table, where with those they love, they will feast for ever in their heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S-131

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God,...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

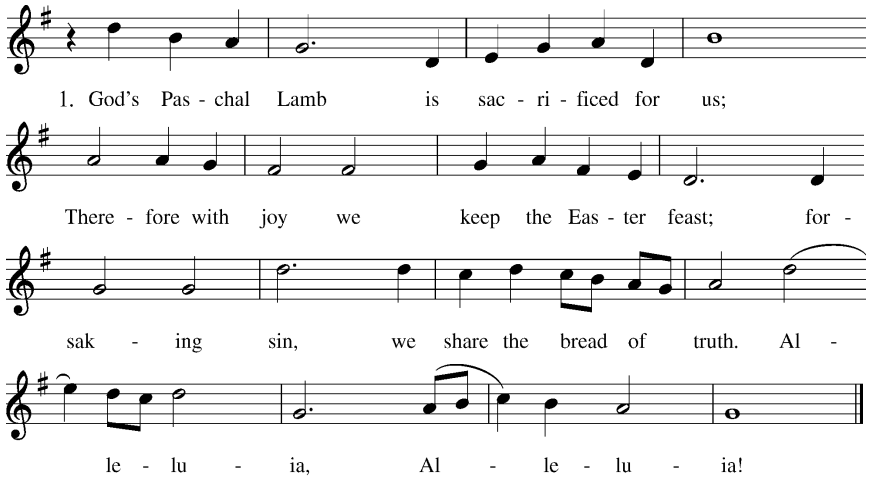
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of souls

Hymnal 343

CHARGE TO EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those whom you visit may share in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People ***We who are many are one Body, Because we all share one bread, one cup.***

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

May God, who through the waters 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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION HYMN

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Hymnal 478

DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sortie from Messe Basse

by Robert Leech Bedell

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
in memory of Leo Cottar DeuPree
by Joe DeuPree*

Welcome to our Visitors

If you are visiting with us this morning, we are so grateful you are here! The presence you bring, being here with us, is a gift of the Holy Spirit, and for that we rejoice. We hope you will join us for a time of hospitality immediately following the 10:30 am service in our Parish Hall.

Donations for Allen Junek's Ordination Gift

To celebrate this milestone in Allen's life and the life of St. Thomas the Apostle, Father Christopher has called in an offering to provide an ordination gift for Allen's upcoming ministerial life. We will purchase a gift certificate at Allen's preferred clergy vendor, J&M Sewing Service, LTD. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle, with "AMJ Ordination" in the memo.

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee & Conversation with Your Vestry / May 21st

Join us for "Coffee and Conversation with your Vestry" on Sunday May 21st from 9:15 am – 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with the members of your vestry over a cup of coffee. Share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about our community and the future of our church. This event is open to all, and we encourage everyone to attend and participate. We look forward to seeing you there!

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