



# The Episcopal Church of St Thomas the Apostle

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B  
Sunday, May 7, 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**

*Aria*

By Davis Ashley White

## **AT THE PROCESSION**

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

Hymnal 518

## **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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Lessons**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 7:55-60**

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

**THE RESPONSE**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

John Stainer  
 (1840–1901)



1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
 let me never be | put to | shame; \*  
 de-| liver me | in your | righteousness.



## 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, once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Let us pray to our good God, saying, "Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us."

In you, O Lord, does your Church take refuge. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to do great works in Jesus' name. May your Church glorify you in all our doings.

*Silence*

V: Make your face to shine upon us,

**R: *And in your loving-kindness save us.***

Ancient of Days, rescue the innocent from the hands of those who persecute them. Hold in your strong hands the oppressed and the abused.

*Silence*

V: Make your face to shine upon us,

**R: *And in your loving-kindness save us.***

God, our strong rock, give us eyes to see your hand at work in our world. Lead us and guide us that we may be good stewards of your creation.

*Silence*

V: Make your face to shine upon us,

**R: *And in your loving-kindness save us.***

Tower of Strength, assure those who are unemployed or living in poverty that they are precious in your sight.

*Silence*

V: Make your face to shine upon us,

**R: *And in your loving-kindness save us.***

Merciful God, incline your ear to those in need of deliverance. Calm the troubled hearts of the suffering and the sorrowful, of the sick and the anxiety-plagued.

*Silence*

V: Make your face to shine upon us,

**R: *And in your loving-kindness save us.***

God of truth, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he has prepared for us a place in your eternal home.

*Silence*

V: Make your face to shine upon us,

**R: *And in your loving-kindness save us.***

*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*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*

*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

## OFFERING ANTHEM

*God, Your Glory Fills the Earth*

By Davis Ashley White,  
Matt Smith, violist

## 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

*Thou art the Way*

Hymnal 457

### 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

*O Zion, haste*

Hymnal 539

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

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

*People*

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

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Postlude in D*

by Denis Bedard

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of their 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary  
by Hank Cofield & Chris Schilling*

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

**PRIDE FESTIVAL | Fair Park**

**June 3, 2023**

The Dallas Pride event is upon us, and we are excited to be a part of it. We believe that as Doubter of Great Faith, it is important to beyond our church walls to show support and love for our community. To make this event a success, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to work in the St. Thomas booth during the festivities. This is a great opportunity to show our church's commitment to love and acceptance as well as connect with members of the LGBTQ+ community. We need volunteers to help with setting up, working the (indoor) booth, and taking it down at the end of the event.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email the church office with times you are able to work on Saturday, June 3, or indicate your interest on the signup sheet in the Narthex. The festival is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. We would need to schedule helpers starting at 10 a.m. to close of the event. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact the coordinator, Randy Hering, at (214) 460-9243 (text or voice). We very much appreciate your willingness to support this important cause and thank you for your donation of time and talent.

**COOKS and BAKERS (and Those Undecided), are you Ready?!?**

**FLAMING DISH**

St. Thomas Parish Hall | May 28, 2023

Starting after the 10:30 a.m. Service

Pentecost is right around the corner. I know, Easter Sunday was just yesterday! Where does the time go? Dust off those mixers and clean those pans to make some wonderful dishes and desserts for our Flaming Dish gathering and Dessert Auction. For new people, this is a Potluck meal where we focus on Pentecost. So, if you have a recipe for something RED, that is great. Bring it! You make a great dish, but it is not RED, bring it, it will get eaten as well. We seek volunteers to help set up (Saturday, May 27), cleaning during the event, assisting during the auction, and tear down upon conclusion.

Please bring your dishes fully cooked, or prepared, and in the vessel they are to be served from. Serving utensils are also greatly appreciated. We will keep dishes warm or chilled, as needed, in the Parish Hall kitchen. We will have a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Funds from the Dessert Auction will be used in covering the cost of ad hoc needs the Mission and Outreach Committee.

### **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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