

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

10:00 am - Rite II

*Welcome to St. Thomas'!*

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*We praise God for the Resurrection of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ!*

*For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer is the red book in your pew racks,  
the Hymnal is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise is the green book.*

**Prelude**

"Ubi Caritas" settings: Charles Callahan & Gerald Near

**The Entrance Hymn  
Blue Hymnal 432**

"O Praise Ye the Lord"

*LAUDATE DOMINUM*

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

*The Celebrant and People together say*

**The 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.**

**Hymn of Praise  
Blue Hymnal S-278**

"Glory to God"

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.*

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

### Psalm 148

Hal H. Hopson

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
give praise in the heights.  
Praise the Lord, all angels above; \*  
give praise, all hosts.

Hal H. Hopson



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Praise the Lord, sun and moon; \*  
give praise, shining stars.

Praise the Lord, highest heavens, \*  
all waters above the heavens.

[Refrain]

Praise the Lord, you heavens above; \*  
for God spoke and you were created.

You were established forever; \*  
your courses shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
creatures of the sea and all oceans;

Fire and hail, snow and mist, \*  
stormy winds that yield to God's command;

[Refrain]

All the mountains and hills, \*  
fruit trees and cedars;

beasts and all cattle, \*  
reptiles and flying birds;

All rulers and peoples, \*  
you that govern the nations;

Children and older ones, too, \*  
join to praise the Lord.

[Refrain]

Praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for God alone is exalted,

The splendor of God's name  
Reaches beyond earth and heaven.

God gives strength to the people

God be praised by all the saints, \*

By the children of Israel,  
who are near to the Lord.

[Refrain]

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

**The Gospel Acclamation                                    "Alleluia with Verses"**  
**Green Hymnal 848**



**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**  
People           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 13: 31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ryan Whitley

**The Nicene Creed**

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## The Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel.*

In the power of resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope; for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Scottish Episcopal Church, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Clement's, Tampa; St. Thomas' Chapel and Parrish Episcopal Church, Parrish; St. David's, Englewood; St. Edmund's, Arcadia; St. Elizabeth's, Zephyrhills; St. Francis', Tampa; DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish, and Benison Farm, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, especially we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Doug, our Bishop Coadjutor-Elect; Ryan, our Priest; Anne, our Curate; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all in high places of authority, and living into the resurrection life, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all military personnel for a safe deployment, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, Mark, Ben, Kevin, Thomas, Dona, Patti, Willie, Diana, Michael, Kathy, Kim, Chris, Howard, Marcia, Julie, Geoff, Bill, Tonia, Christie, Mike, Sharon Joanne, and those we now name, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer .**

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, (especially for \_\_\_\_\_), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen**

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*Please kneel.*

Deacon Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*All stand.*

Celebrant The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'.  
People **Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors**

*Please be seated.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*To sustain us until he comes for the final time  
the Lord comes to us now in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him*

The Offertory Anthem  
Chancel Choir

"I Give You a New Commandment"

Peter Aston

*I give you a new commandment: love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples. [John 13:34-35]*

*Please stand*

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S128

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.

*After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*



**Fraction Anthem**  
**Blue Hymnal 154**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*As part of our life together at St. Thomas Church, we continue a ministry practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ – the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. If you wish additional prayer for any reason, please gather around the Baptismal font after you receive Holy Communion. We welcome you to participate in this life-enriching ministry.*

**Communion Music**

**Organ Improvisation**

**The Post-communion Prayer**

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*Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

*We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ. As our time of worship ends, our time of service begins.*

### The Easter Blessing

*Please stand*

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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 forever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

### Processional Hymn Blue Hymnal 529

*"In Christ there is No East or West"*

*MCKEE*

### The Dismissal

Deacon With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*"Allegro in C"*

*Adolf Hesse*

*Please remain seated until after the Postlude (camera still rolling).*

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## **Community Announcements**

### **FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES**

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

### **WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD**

Thursdays at 9:15 am in the Founder's Room

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Founder's Room.

### **VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR**

This will be a standing weekly event on Thursdays from 6 - 7:15 pm

### **EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE**

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

### **SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER**

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

### **HOSPITALITY GUILD**

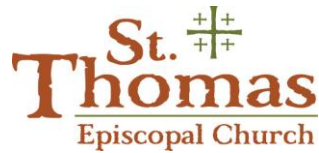
The Hospitality Guild will be meeting today in the Guild Room following the 10 o'clock service. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this ministry is invited to attend. Activities include:

- Hosting Coffee Hour
- Serving as St. Thomas' onsite contact during funerals and other events as needed
- Maintaining the kitchen and adjacent areas for all events

Come join us! Since most of the guild's activities are on an as needed basis, participation is flexible.

### **BEHIND THE SCENES FOR KIDS**

- **Today - Sunday, May 15**, Fr. Ryan will show kids all the different kinds of vestments.  
Come dress like a bishop!
- **Sunday, May 22**, Russ Martin will do a technology demonstration.
- **Sunday, May 29**, Fr. Ryan will introduce the role of the thurifer,  
the person who carries the thurible with incense.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

**Thanks to those who are helping today ...**

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart, Cole Landers  
Altar Guild: Linda Sordan, Diane Robinson  
Camera Operator: Matthew White  
Chalice Bearer:  
Coffee Host: Ellen Burkhart  
Flower Guild: Teri Coryell  
Healing: Nancy Day  
Lector 10am: Laura Hine, Joe DiOrio  
Musicians: Chancel Choir  
Oblations: Edward and Misty Landers  
Prayers of the People: Dick Nelson  
Ushers: Lee and Teri Coryell

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The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon  
The Rev. Hayden Crawford, Assisting Clergy  
Rick Smith, Director of Music  
Joe Master, Organist and Director of Finance  
Grace Smith, Director of Communications  
Jon Ward, Sexton

**Vestry Members**

Class of 2022

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Jay Hill, *Treasurer*  
Russ Martin

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Russ Ball, *Secretary*  
Michelle Jennings, Jr. *Warden*  
Ann Leavine

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Pam Holley  
Mary Jane Park, *Sr. Warden*