

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

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** "Prelude in E Minor" J. S. Bach

**Choral Introit** "Assurance" William Billings

*Now shalt thy head be lifted high above thy foes all around.  
And songs of joy and victory within thy temple sound.*

**The Entrance Hymn** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR  
**Blue Hymnal 214**

**Easter Acclamation**

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** "Glory to God"  
**Blue Hymnal S-278**

**The Collect of the Day**

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**68C** Let God Arise!

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(All) 1 Let God a - rise! His en - e - mies be gone  
 (Women) 2 Make known the Lord, and sound his name a - loud  
 (Men) 3 Fa - ther and judge, he gave the world his law  
 (Women) 4 God marched a - head, strong shep - herd of his flock;  
 (Men) 5 God spoke the word, and faith - ful was the band

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and melt like wax be - fore the ho - ly One.  
 to praise the King who rides up - on the cloud.  
 with free - dom, love and jus - tice for the poor.  
 the heav - ens o - pened; earth in ter - ror shook.  
 of those who took the truth to ev - ery land.

(All) 6 See God ascend,  
 with captives as his prize,  
 and gifts for all  
 who shall in him arise.

(Women) 9 All strength is his!  
 The rebels reign no more;  
 he scatters all  
 who take delight in war.

(Women) 7 Bless day by day  
 the living God who saves,  
 who raises up  
 his people from their graves.

(Men) 10 God rules on high,  
 and mighty is his voice:  
 to God be praise;  
 in God we shall rejoice.

(Men) 8 Draw near his throne:  
 musicians lead our song!  
 All nations, tribes,  
 and races join the throng.

(All) 11 Glory to God,  
 Creator, Savior, Friend,  
 whose greatness, love,  
 and wisdom never end.

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 Music (SONG 46 | 10.10): Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), P.D.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter**

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in



For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, for Benison Farm, and other farms, gardens, and those who tend them, 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, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne, our priests; 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, especially Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; Ken, our Mayor, and all those in civic authority, 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, especially for those on our Parish Prayer List, 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 "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Song"  
Chancel Choir

Paul Ritchie

*Come, let us tune our cheerful songs with Angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus;" "worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us." Jesus is worthy to receive honor and power divine; and blessings, more than we can give be, Lord, forever thine. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb. [Isaac Watts]*

*Please stand*

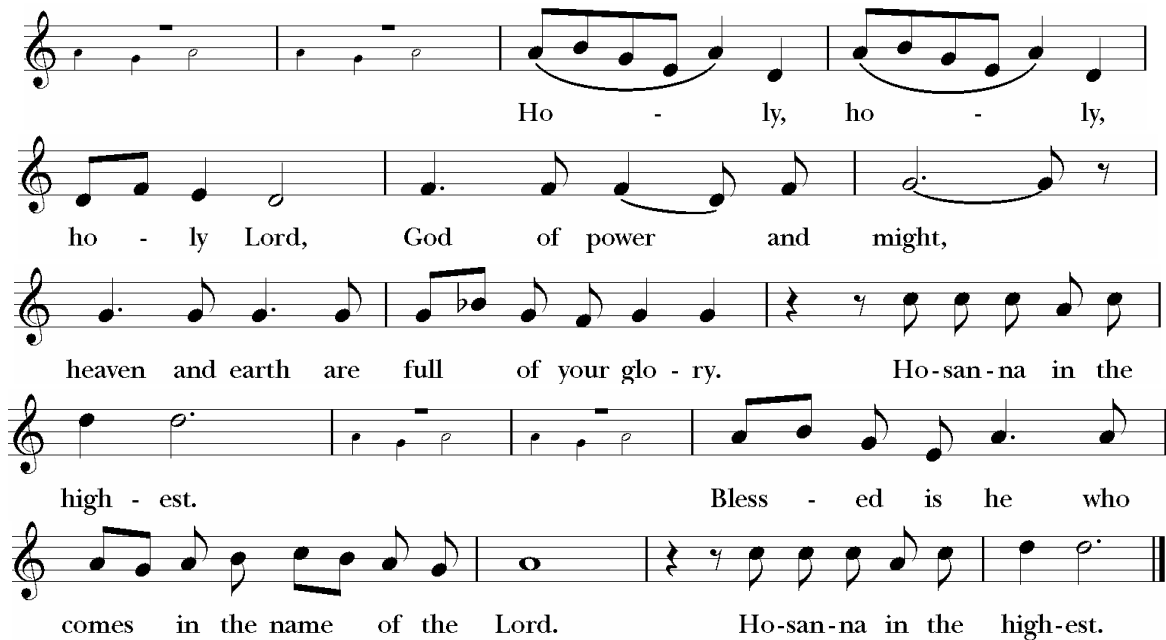
*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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.

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After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

The Great Amen



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

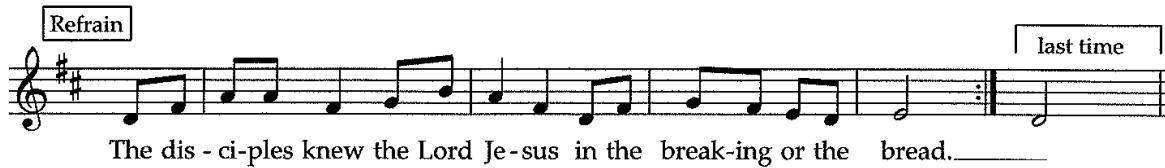
A period of silence is kept.



**Fraction Anthem**  
**Green Hymnal 877**

“The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus”

WLP, 877



*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 Hymn**  
**Blue Hymnal 460**

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

*HYFRYDOL*  
Vv 1,3,4

**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 450**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

CORONATION

### **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. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

J. S. Bach

*Today's Communion Wine: ANKO Malbec, 2020, Estancia Los Cardones. Salta, Argentina, donated by Jonathan and Kayla Mitchell.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of god and in loving memory of Walter Jaap, by Karilyn Jaap.*

**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.

**EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE**

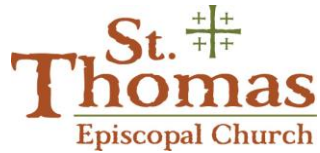
No chapel service May 10, 2023

**SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER**

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Mark, Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Tara, Anne, Marsha, Mari, Madison, Ed, Yvonne, Christie, Howard, Ann, Jean, Jan, Brooke, Greg, Deborah, Kathy, Tina, Tony, Pat, David, Janet, Kim, Joe, Dorothy, Billy, Toni, Brenda, Marissa, and Katrina.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

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

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart, Hannah Wetmore,  
Jace Viera, Luke Evanoff  
Altar Guild: Laura Vrooman, Barb Bice, Nancy  
Day  
Camera Operator: Matthew White  
Chalice Bearer: Ann Leavine  
Coffee Host: Ellen Burkhart  
Flower Guild: Marilyn Lanctot  
Healing: Anne Elstun  
Lector 10am: Tom Alison, Louise Chapin  
Musicians: Chancel Choir  
Oblations: Gina and Mike White  
Prayers of the People: Mary Ellen Shevlin  
Ushers: Teri and Lee Coryell

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The Rev. Anne Hartley, Curate  
The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon  
Rick Smith, Director of Music  
The Rev. Randy Hehr, Interim Organist  
Joe Master, Director of Finance  
Grace Smith, Director of Communications  
Jon Ward, Sexton

**Vestry Members**

Class of 2023

Russ Ball  
Michelle Jennings  
Ann Leavine, *Treasurer*

Class of 2024

Bill Barns, *Secretary*  
Pam Holley  
Mary Jane Park, *Sr. Warden*

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Mary Clark  
Lee Coryell, *Jr. Warden*  
Wade Hamby

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