



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
<i>Celebrant</i> Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
<i>People</i> The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i> And with thy spirit.	
The Collect of the Day	BCP 173
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12	Bulletin 2
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<i>Celebrant</i> All things come of thee, O Lord.	
<i>People</i> And of thine own have we given thee. Amen	
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE 2

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Gary Lanier
Piano and Flute Duet

THE OPENING HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal #493

All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the small cross out of the church into the chapel for children's chapel. Adults or older siblings are welcome to accompany them. They will return to the church at the Peace.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

God's paschal lamb

God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore with
Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain, death has no
In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead, though Ad - am's

joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we
more do - min - ion o - ver him, Through him we die to
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

share the bread of truth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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 FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name'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.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE CELTIC ALLELUIA

The choir will sing the Alleluia first. The congregation is invited to join in on the second and third times.

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

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. John 10:11-18
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Melanie Lemburg

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Litanist Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with
courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the
goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might
share and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know
your saving help. We remember especially those we name silently or aloud.
(*pause*) Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever
grow in your likeness. We remember especially those we name silently or aloud.
(*pause*) Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger
in faith and hope. We remember especially Stewart Marshall, Betty Henderson,
and those preparing to staff and attend Cursillo #128. Awake, O Soul, rise from
death,
People **And Christ will give you life!**

Litanist Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb,
making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for
life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!
People **Alleluia, amen!**

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

BLESSING OF ANGLICAN PRAYER BEADS

Presenter I present to you these Anglican Prayer Beads to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

V. All things come from you, O Lord;

R. **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**

V. Prosper the work of our hands;

R. **Prosper our handiwork.**

V. Show your servants your works;

R. **And your splendor to their children.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these Anglican Prayer Beads to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We bless your Name, O Lord, because it has pleased you to enable your servant Diana to offer these prayer beads for your worship. Remember her for good, and grant that all who benefit from this gift may show their thankfulness to you by using it in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

All things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Anna Laura Page

THE FESTAL DOXOLOGY (10:00 a.m.)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be -
low: al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a -bove, ye heav'n-ly
host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le -
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

THE PRESENTATION (11:30 a.m.)

Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant and People (11:30 a.m.)

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

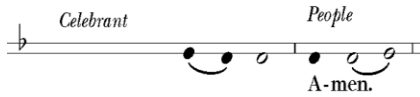
Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Thomas, Anna Alexander, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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This setting is not used in Lent.

*Antiphon
Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Fraction (11:30 a.m.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

*I come with joy to meet my Lord
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymnal #304

Hymnal #343

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant 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.**

THE FOUR PART EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of 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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal #518

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare on 'Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Paul Fey

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

Thank you to Mary Lynne Reed, our guest flautist today.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our clergy, staff, choirs, and St. Thomas' family donated by Rick and Holly Lantz.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 a.m.) Jennifer S. Calver (11:30 a.m.) Annie Quaile
Lectors: (8:00) Dave White (10:00 a.m.) Jane Gilchrist (11:30 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00) Dave White (10:00) Jennifer Calver and Henry Aguilar
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Charlie Barrow
Acolytes: Sheldon White and Lela White
Ushers: (10:00 a.m.) Eleanor Foster and Mary Ryan Aimar (11:30 a.m.) Bill Franklin
Hospitality: Greg and Amy Jo Washabaugh *Worship Tech:* Tino Aguilar
Altar Guild: Sally Minis, Pam Smith, Boo McCullough, and Mary Wilson
Nursery: Eva Aguilar *Children's Chapel:* Piper Ochsner

LITURGICAL NOTES: EASTER IS A SEASON, NOT JUST A DAY

The Great Fifty Days of Easter is the church's most celebratory season. Our alleluias are brought back in full force after our Lenten fast, and they are even sprinkled in throughout the service in extra places. We omit the confession of sin during the Easter season, and we are also encouraged to return to a custom of the early church (as articulated by the Council of Nicea) by giving up kneeling for the Easter season and instead standing during the Eucharistic prayer throughout the Easter season all the way through the day of Pentecost. In this prayer posture, we acknowledge that in Christ we are made worthy to stand before God. The paschal candle will be lit at every service all through the Easter season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 21 12:15 p.m. Deadline to register for Cursillo Prayer Vigil.
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. EYC at Lake Mayer.
Meet at the "Running Woman statue" for a scavenger hunt.
Monday, April 22 10:00 a.m. Planning in the Parish Hall.
5:45 p.m. Endowment Committee in the Library.
Tuesday, April 23 6:15 p.m. EFM in the CE Building.
6:30 p.m. Front Porch Fest Rehearsal in the SSOR room.
Wednesday, April 24 11:30 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel.
5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 25 Cursillo # 128 through Sunday, April 28th.
Saturday, April 27 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Art Pop-Up at St. Thomas' with food truck.

Drop Your Change, to Make A Change: Our April Service Project will support Episcopal Relief and Development. One of their many initiatives is to provide safe and clean water to communities around the world. There is a water jug in the parish hall where you can toss your loose change to help us fill the jug – we accept paper money and checks too!

Prayer Vigil

Stewart Marshall & Betty Henderson are on the team for Cursillo #128 which will be held April 25th-28th. We have been asked to have members from St. Thomas' sign up for 30-minute time slot to spend time in prayer for the Cursillo group on Sunday, April 28th. Contact Betty Henderson with questions. Please register by using the link in the Monday email.

Wednesday Night Supper, May 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Cinco De Mayo Celebration and learn how to Latin line dance with instruction from Marie Centgraf.

Youth Sunday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.

May 5th is Youth Sunday! We'll be honoring our graduating Seniors and portions of our 10:00 service will be led by the youth of St. Thomas. We're looking for youth of ALL ages (there will not be children's chapel on this day) to help with the service (ushers, lectors, acolytes, etc.). If you have a graduating senior or a youth who would like to participate in the service, please contact Rev. Colette.

EYC Youth Group Coordinator

Our EYC Youth Group Coordinator, Matt Rice, is stepping down from his role at St. Thomas. Matt's last Sunday with us will be May 5th. Matt has been working with St. Thomas since 2018. During that time, he's built strong relationships with our youth, focused on providing them with meaningful and entertaining activities on Sunday afternoons as well as planning and organizing overnight trips. We'll be honoring Matt with a farewell party at the EYC meeting on May 5th. If you'd like to help with the event or have any questions, please contact Rev. Colette.

Olivia Kate Castleberry has agreed to take the position as EYC Youth Group Coordinator. She will be transitioning in with Matt at the remaining EYC events.

Save the Date for VBS - July 16-18, 2024.

