

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
April 21, 2024  
8:00am and 10:00am



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Welcome to St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

During Eastertide, we are observing a paper fast, including limiting our use of paper used for our worship leaflets. Please follow along in *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* and *The Hymnal 1982* as you are guided by this leaflet. If you are unsure of what to do next, simply relax in the liturgy, and let the congregation carry you in worship.

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide</i>	J. S. Bach
<b>THE WORD OF GOD</b>	BCP p. 355	
<b>HYMN 334</b>		
<b>HYMNAL S 278, GLORIA</b>		
<b>THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	BCP p. 225	
<b>THE LESSONS</b>	BCP p. 357	
<b>THE FIRST LESSON</b>	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."

**PSALM 23**

BCP p. 612-613

8:00am *Read in unison.*10:00am *Choir**Psalm 23*

Thomas Matthews

**THE EPISTLE**

1 John 3:16-24

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.

**HYMN 645 vs. 1, 2, 3** *10:00am only***THE GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

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 SERMON**

BCP p. 358

The Rev. Shane Carlson

**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP p. 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**                      BCP p. 387

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially:

**Layan, Karen, Patricia, Anne and family, Martha, 'H', the Howie family, Inez, Judy, Jeannine, Maria, Ann, ++Michael Curry, Rachel, Fletcher, Albert, and Cady.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially:

**Lynn Cockburn, Barbi Olstad, Susan Voorhees, Cathy McClary, Keith Howie, William Pelly, Maxine Greidanus, Bishop Alan Wilson, John King, Bo Darling, and Marian Woosley.**

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE PEACE**                                              BCP p. 360

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VESTRY COMMISSIONING**

**NEWCOMER WELCOME**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**                      BCP p. 361

**OFFERTORY**                                              *If Ye Love Me*                                              Thomas Tallis

*An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at [stthomasmedina.org/giving](http://stthomasmedina.org/giving).*



**HYMN 435 vs. 1, 2, 3**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**                      BCP p. 369

**HYMNAL S 128, SANCTUS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**                              BCP p. 364

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**              BCP p. 364

**HYMNAL S 165, FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/ or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Durufle

**HYMN 343**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP p. 365

**BLESSING**

*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.

*All* **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 for ever.

*All* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

**HYMN 708**

**DISMISSAL**

BCP p. 366

**POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium in D Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**SERVING TODAY**

**The Rev. Liz Costello, *Rector***

**The Rev. Edmund Harris, *Associate Rector***

**The Rev. Shane Carlson, *Curate***

**The Rev. James N. McEachran, *Priest Associate***

**Doug Cleveland, *Director of Music and Organist***

**St. Thomas Choir**

**Natalie Ingrisano, *Soprano***