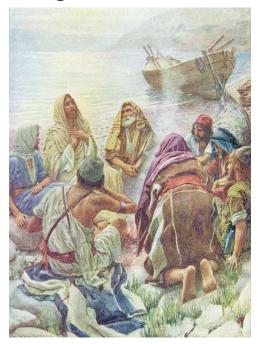
# Saint Thomas's Church

## Easter II

**Sunday, April 14, 2024** 

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Jesus appears to the Apostles on the Shore, Harold Copping, 1910 Illustration from The Copping Bible

## Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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## Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion, indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.





St. Thomas's relies on the generosity of those whose offerings reflect gratitude for God's own generosity to us. To make a secure gift online, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera app, or visit qrco.de/smokytoms. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to fill out the online form. We no longer pass the plate, so if you want to give the old-fashioned way, an alms basin is available in the narthex

## **Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. Nathan Humphrey

Reader: Georgiana Beal Intercessor: Ronwen Guest

Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

#### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

FIRST READING Acts 3.12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 4



The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. "You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" *Refrain*.

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. *Refrain*.

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. *Refrain*.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *Refrain*.

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3.1-7

A reading from the first Epistle of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Alleluias, which are repeated by the People. The Cantor then sings the verse, and all repeat the Alleluias.



Verse: Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. Repeat Alleluias.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.36b-48

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

#### **SERMON**

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.

#### THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: (Bow.) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (Rise.)

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

war. Those who feed the hungry, those who love their neighbours.
For the Church, our Bishops, in our parish, and in hanksgiving for that, we remember it is not by their own power or piety they show us God, but by the Light of Righteousness working through them.
Lord, we beseech you,  We believe you, hear our prayers.
For the nations that, caught among the sins of capital and conformity, they acknowledge that God has put gladness in our hearts, more than that of good grain and wine.
Lord, we beseech you,  We believe you, hear our prayers.
For the sick, that, faith in the named, the uniquely identified, Son of God, will make them strong.
Lord, we beseech you,  We believe you, hear our prayers.
For the others for whom we are asked to pray, that, through the gift of the Lord, they find rest in peace and safety.
Lord, we beseech you,  We believe you, hear our prayers.
For the dead, that, as we all are taught they find; everyone who does right is righteous, just as the Light and Word of God is righteous, offering love to all creation.
Lord, we beseech you,  We believe you, hear our prayers.

Creator God, your Son has promised that, when we meet in his name and pray according to his mind, he will be among us, hearing our prayers. In your love and mercy, fulfil our desires and give us your greatest gift, which is to know you, your Spirit, and your Son Jesus Christ as God. **Amen.** 

## Invitation, Confession, & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

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



The strife is o'er, the battle done

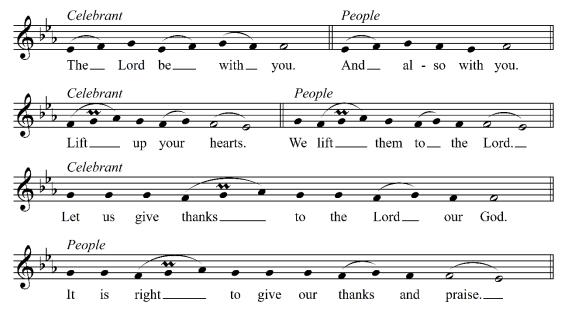


VULPIUS Melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch Jena 1609 Latin 17th century Tr F. Pott 1832-1909

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.** 

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

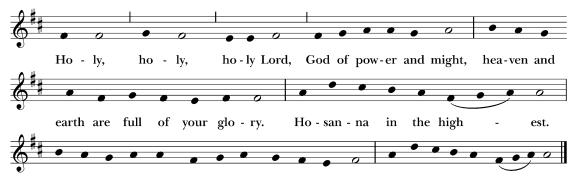


Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

#### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

## The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory. And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the Cross Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

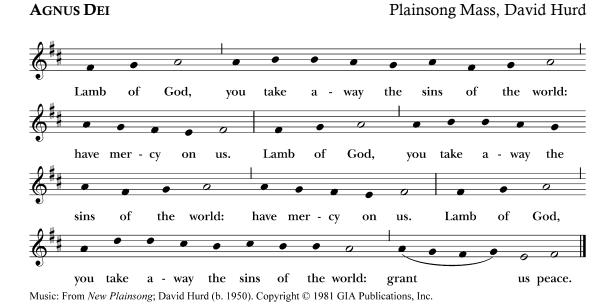
Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:



## **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup).

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

## Мотет

'The Call,' Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my truth, my life: Such a way, as gives us breath: Such a truth, as ends all strife: Such a life, as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light, as shows a feast: such a feast, as mends in length: Such a strength, as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy, as none can move: Such a love, as none can part: Such a heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

#### **COMMUNION DEVOTIONS**

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

#### ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come to thee,

That with thy saints I may praise thee,

For ever and ever. Amen.

The People stand.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **DOXOLOGY**

Glory to God,

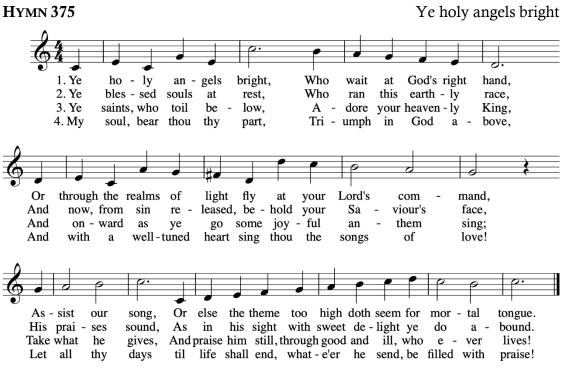
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ▼ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.** 



DARWALL Rev. J. Darwall, 1770 Rev. Richard Baxter, 1681

The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God:

Those at the High Altar in loving memory of John, Michael, Lenore, Margaret, Stephen and Floyd Burnie, given by their family.

and

Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Molly Wright, from her son Tim Wright, and Anneli Pekkonen and Alicia Wright.

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## **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!

## MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am, Monday-Friday 9:30 am, Saturday 7:30 am, Sunday

## **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 pm, Monday-Friday 5:00 pm Sunday (Choral Evensong)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY**

LOW MASS 8:00 AM SUNG MASS 9:30 AM HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

#### **WEEKDAY LOW MASS**

12:15 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am Saturday

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