

Saint Thomas's Church
The Sunday after Easter Day
Sunday, April 7, 2024
High Mass at 11 o'clock



Christ and the Doubting Thomas, Luca Signorelli, c. 1482
La Basilica della Santa Casa, Loreto, Italia

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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

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The People kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People kneel. The Choir alone sings the Kyrie.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison.

The People Stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God hea-ven-ly King, God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty.
O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je - su Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, _

have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
 re - ceive our _____ prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,
 have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art_ ho - ly; thou on - ly_ art the Lord;
 thou on - ly,___ O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art___ most___ high
 in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er.____ A_____ men.____

The People remain kneeling for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4.32-35

The First Lesson is written in the fourth chapter of the book of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the thirty second verse.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

I. 1.



- Cantor* 1 BE-HOLD, how good and joyful a thing **it** is :
- People* for brethren to dwell toge-**ther** in ün-i-ty!
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto **the** beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar **of** his clöth-ing;
- Cantor* 3 Like as the dew of **Her**-mon : which falleth upon the **hills** of Sï-on.
- People* 4 For there the Lord promis-ed his **bles**-sing : even **life** for ëv-er-ë-more.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 1.1-2.2

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of St John's First Epistle, beginning at the first verse.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor *People*

Al - le - lu - ia. * Al - le - lu - ia.

Tone VI

Cantor HAVE YOU believ-ed, Thomas, because you have **seen** me :
Blessd-ed are those who have not **seen** and yet beⁿlieve.

People * Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20.19-31

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."

THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *People*

I be-lieve in one God the Fath-er Al-migh-ty, Mak-er of hea-ven and earth,
And of all things vis - - - i - ble and in - vis - - - i - ble;
And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly - be - got - ten Son of God,
Be - got - ten of the Fath - - er be - fore all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light;
Ve - ry God, of Ve - ry God; Be - got - ten not made; Be - ing of one sub - stance
with the Fath - er; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men
and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven, And was in - car - nate by



the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, And was made man,



And was cru - - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late.



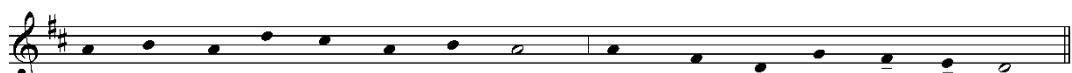
He suf - fer - ed and was bu - - - ri - ed, And the third day he rose a - gain



ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - - - ven,



And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fath - er. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry



to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end.



And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord, The Giv - er of Life,



Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fath - er and the Son, Who with the Fath - er and the Son



to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed, Who spake by the Pro - - phets.



And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Cath - o - lic, and A - po - sto - lic Church.



I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for

the Re - sur - rec - tion of ___ the dead, And the ___ Life of the world to ___ come.

A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Worthy is the Lamb that is slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 162

O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- All* 1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death to-day rose triumphing. Alleluia!
- All* 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To see the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
- Lower
Voices* 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sat, and spake unto the three,
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.' Alleluia!
- All* 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said, 'My peace be on all here.' Alleluia!
- All* 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- All* 6 'My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless, but believing be.' Alleluia!

Upper 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
Voices He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried. Alleluia!

All 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

All 9 On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluia!

O FILII ET FILIAE
French melody, 17th cent. as given by S. Webbe, 1792

Latin (17th cent), Tr by Rev. J.M. Neale

The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

The People kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, with joyous hearts and in communion with the Holy Catholic Church, let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for Kevin and Riscylla his suffragans, for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for The Season of Spiritual Renewal according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer, and for Peter Tiefenbach, Emma Totten, Mary Elizabeth Trueman, Rigzin Tute, David & Kelly Tuttle, & John & Diana Tuttle according to the Parish cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (*Silence.*)

Intercessor *People*

Lord, in thy mer - cy, we be - seech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for Charles, King of Canada, and for all in civil authority under him in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan, and all other places in strife. May God grant us the spirit of respect and forbearance for all nations and peoples. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

I Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for _____.] And for [_____ and] all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud. May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and for all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially_____ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely

desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,

Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out — end. A - men. —

THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Merbecke (1505-1585)

Celebrant

And now, as our Sa - viour Christ hath com - mand - ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

People

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav'n, Hal - low - ed be thy Name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give them that tres - pass a - gainst us;

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - li - ver us from ev - il.

For thine is the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, For ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

FRACTION & PEACE

A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant *People*

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you. And with thy spi - rit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

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!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

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

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy 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.

MOTET 'Maria Magdalene,' Andrea Gabrieli (1533-1585)

Maria Magdalene et altera Maria ibant diluculo ad monumentum. Jesus quem queritis non est hic: surrexit sicut locutus est; praecedet vos in Galilaeam, ibi eum videbitis. Alleluia.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went early to the tomb and met an angel: "Jesus Christ, whom ye seek is not here, for he is risen, just as it was foretold. He goes before you into Galilee; you must go there to visit him." Alleluia.

(from Matthew 28)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 187

How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

- 1 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone
On doubting souls, whose wills were true!
Thou Christ of Cephas and of John,
Thou art the Christ of Thomas too.
- 2 He loved thee well, and calmly said,
'Come, let us go, and die with him' :
Yet, when thine Easter-news was spread,
'Mid all its light his eyes were dim.
- 3 His brethren's word he would not take,
But craved to touch those hands of thine:
The bruised reed thou didst not break;
He saw, and hailed his Lord Divine.
- 4 He saw thee risen: at once he rose
To full belief's unclouded height :
And still through his confession flows
To Christian souls thy life and light.

- 5 O Saviour, make thy presence known
To all who doubt thy Word and thee;
And teach them in that Word alone
To find the truth that sets them free.
- 6 And we who know how true thou art,
And thee as God and Lord adore,
Give us, we pray, a loyal heart,
To trust and love thee more and more.

EISENACH
J.H. Schein, 1628

Canon William Bright, 1874

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

EASTERTIDE 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.**

The People stand.

EASTERTIDE DISMISSAL



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

CONCLUDING HYMN 371

The God of Abraham praise

- 1 The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
Jehovah, great I Am,
By earth and heaven confest;
I bow and bless the sacred Name
For ever blest.
- 2 The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys
At his right hand:
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And him my only portion make,
My shield and tower.

- 5 Before the Saviour's face
The ransomed nations bow,
O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
For ever new;
He shows his prints of love –
They kindle to a flame!
And sound through all the worlds above
'Worthy the Lamb'.
- 6 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
'Hail! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
They ever cry:
Hail Abraham's God and mine;
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise!

LEONI
Adapted from a Hebrew Melody

Thomas Olivers, 1770

VOLUNTARY Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Special Choral Recital at Evensong this Afternoon at 5:00 pm

Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson, Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza, and the choir will present *Rejoice in the Lamb* by composer **Benjamin Britten** (1913-1976) as a recital during the service.

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

Those at the High Altar are in loving memory of Graham Wright.

and

*Those at the Lady Altar are in loving memory of Jack Allen Fader,
by his wife Marlene.*

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