

# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism

April 23, 2017

10:00 A.M.

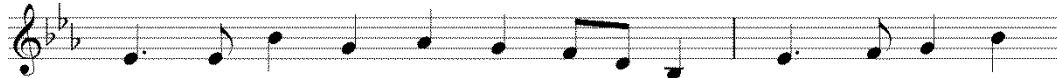
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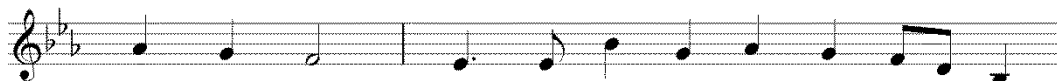
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### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

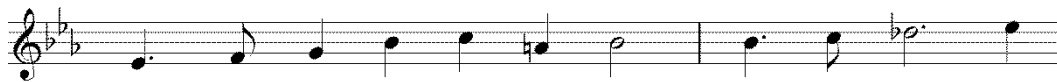
Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness  
Hymn 492 (*Finnian*)



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

## ACCLAMATIONS

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
     for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
     moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
     or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
 You have made known to me the ways of life;  
     you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 16** (*said by all*)

*Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 **Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \***  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \***  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 **But those who run after other gods \***  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, \***  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 **O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \***  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \***  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 **I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \***  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 **I have set the Lord always before me; \***  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 **My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \***  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, \***  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 **You will show me the path of life; \***  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable

and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Love's redeeming work is done

Hymn 188 (*Savannah*)



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

*After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.*

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

*The Priest says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates are presented by their Parents and Godparents*

I present Josephine James Moore to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Priest asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Priest*

Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child*

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as our Savior?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer: I do.**

*The Priest addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

*The Priest then says these or similar words*

Let us join with this new member of the Body of Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven.  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

#### **THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE AND FOR WORLD**

*Priest*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for the welfare of the whole world.

*Intercessor*

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Unite your church and all your people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of every nation and land. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and all its inhabitants. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us fulfill our baptismal promises through service to you. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deliver all who live in danger, sickness or need. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hold the living and the dead in the communion of all your saints. **Lord, hear our prayer.**



*Priest*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Priest blesses the water, first saying*

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Priest continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Priest touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*The Priest pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Josephine James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest prays over the person, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest uses chrism to mark on the person's forehead the sign of the cross, saying*

Josephine James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

*A candle lit from the Paschal Candle is presented to the newly baptized with the words*

Josephine James, receive the light of Christ as a sign of the new life enkindled within you.

*Priest*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Priest and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements.*

*During the Offertory Hymn, the collection is taken and the gifts are brought forward. The People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see; small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in a chair near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain in your seat.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Awake, arise, lift up your voice  
Hymn 212 (Richmond)

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in  
4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as  
5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -  
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to  
4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less  
5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.  
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.  
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.  
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Presider: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Presider: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

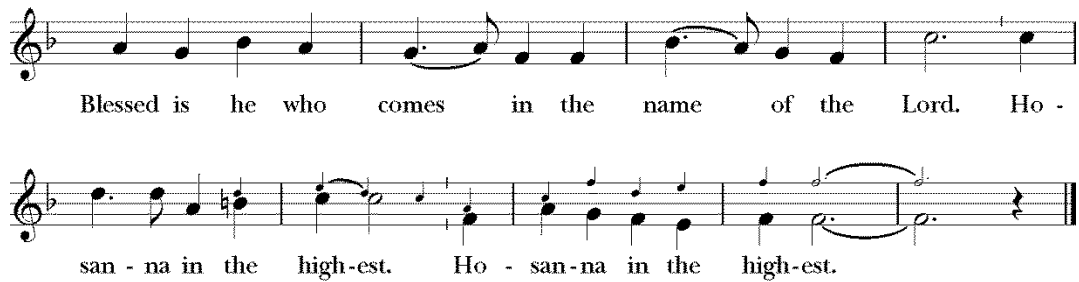
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-125

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.



*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Now the green blade riseth  
Hymn 204 (*Noël nouvelet*)

1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
4 When our hearts are wintry, grievous, or in pain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,  
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

*After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*Presider 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 PASCHAL 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Hymn 205 (*Gelobt sei Gott*)

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]* Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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## If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** After the service, you are invited to attend Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

**Education for all ages:** On most Sundays during the academic year, education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. Sunday school is offered for children pre-K through grade 8; adult education takes place in The Lounge.

**Families with small children:** Two seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under); and the area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Restrooms for men and women** are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

**At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist.** While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required. There are usually two Communion stations, located at the front corners of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion:** The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. Some people “intinct” (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

*Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to:

- Speak to a clergyperson
- Receive parish emails
- Have a permanent name tag
- Explore becoming a member

- Get involved with \_\_\_\_\_
- Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School
- Learn about joining the Adult Choir
- Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's Choristers (Junior Choir)