



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

April 18, 2021 10 A.M.

## VOLUNTARY

Adagio cantabile

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827), *Sonata no. 8 in C minor* (“Pathétique”), Op. 13, 1798

*The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell.*

## HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at thy word (440, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION, SALUTATION, AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 3:12-19

Peter 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 4

William Knyvett

- 1 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.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

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

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 JOHN 3:1-7

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ALLELUIA**

(9, *Enriching Our Music 1*)



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Cantor: Open our minds, O Lord, to understand the Scriptures;  
 make our hearts burn within us when you speak.

*The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.*

**THE GOSPEL**

JOHN 21

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard

that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

**Presider:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** [*The Rev. Kay Sylvester, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tustin, CA*]

*Presider and People*

**We give our hearts to God,  
who is making the heavens and the earth.**

**We see God's handiwork  
in the smallest and greatest,  
in the drop of water and  
the galaxies arrayed in starry beauty.  
We are part of God's good work.**

**We give our hearts to Jesus,  
who walked softly on the earth  
to show us the Way.  
He lived a life of compassion,  
and died at the hands of those who chose domination.  
His new, risen life calls us to embody resurrection,  
for one another and for the world.**

**We give our hearts to God's restless Spirit,  
who renews us, remakes us,  
and teaches us the way of Jesus,  
enabling us to do God's work in the world.**

**We believe that it is time  
for the earth to depend upon us for salvation  
as we have so long depended upon her.  
We give our hearts to faith in God's love  
and God's power to renew all creation. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

*Intercessor and People*

Our Savior is resurrected from the dead, bringing renewal to Christians around the globe. With joyful gratitude, we pray for the church and for the world.

We pray for the church universal: guide the ministers of your Word as they honor the traditions of the past, tend the cares of the present, and build the communities of the future. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the world: plant wisdom and compassion in their hearts, and teach them to sow seeds of righteousness and mercy. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this wondrous creation: continue to reveal its bountiful complexity and fragile beauty, and inspire us to safeguard these gifts for all posterity. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your human family: take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this holy gathering of the faithful: strengthen us to continue in the way of the apostles, proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, seek and serve Christ in all persons, and strive for justice and peace among all people. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need or trouble: feed the hungry, tend the sick, relieve the weary, bless the dying, and soothe the suffering. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people around the globe as the coronavirus pandemic continues: comfort the grieving, protect the vulnerable, and heal the healers. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died: give them Christ's triumph over death, and bring them into your perpetual light. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the concerns that we now lift to you, either aloud or in the stillness of our hearts. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

*Presider*

Risen Christ, hear the prayers offered by these your gathered people; instill in our hearts the assurance of your resurrected life, that we may follow your Way in faith, hope, joy, and love; in the name of the one Holy and undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

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

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF COMMUNION *[The Rev. Keri Aubert]*

*Presider and People*

**Holy God, we are your people,  
bound to you by Jesus Christ,  
through whom you assumed our fleshly vulnerability,  
and in whom we find salvation and reconciliation.**

**We remember his birth, and grow in joy;  
we remember his life, and grow in love;  
we remember his passion, and grow in compassion;  
we remember his resurrection, and grow in hope;  
for all this, we give thanks.**

**As we course through our days,  
make us ministers of your abiding Word,  
with the power of your eternal Spirit. Amen.**

## EASTER BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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.**

**Presider:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum  
benedicta tu in mulieribus  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.

Sancta Maria ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:28,31; Petrus Canisius (1521–1597), 1555 Music (Voice): Charles-François Gounod (1818–1893), 1853  
Music (Piano): Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 846, from *Das wohltemperierte Klavier*

*After the Anthem, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*

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## Announcements

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Next Up for our Thursday Evening Study Group: **Easter & Passover**. See the Enews for details.

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### Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Music Director:** Sherry Panthaki  
**Lectors:** Sally Edwards, William English  
**Intercessor:** Claire Scully

### This Week’s Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**  
Cynthia (Sally Edwards’ sister-in-law), Franklin (Heather and Alexandria Robison’s grandfather), Sally (Edwards)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

**Pray for those have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

St. Andrew’s, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George’s, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi- vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
The Church of Ireland

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:**  
Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

### Leadership at St. Thomas’s

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